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CLARENCE HATRY COMMITTED.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE BY ACCOUNTANT.

DRAMATIC STATEMENT BY CHIEF DEFENDANT.

"ACTION WAS CLEAN."

London, Dec. 16.
Clarence Hatry, who, until the crash which rocked the London Share Market to its foundations, was regarded as one of the City's most brilliant financiers, and his three associates in alleged swindles, Edmund Daniels, company director, of Leatherhead, Albert Edward Tabor, company director, of Ashted, and John Graham Goodfellow, Dixon, secretary and company director, were committed for trial at the Guildhall to-day.

An application for bail made by the counsel for the defendants was refused.

The charges involved a total of over £2,000,000, including over £1,350,000 in connexion with Iron Industries, Limited.

Accountant's Evidence.

The actual losses of the Hatry companies are placed at a much higher figure, but fraud is not alleged in connexion with the entire amount.

Sir Gilbert Garnsey, a partner in the world-famous firm of chartered accountants, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Company, who has been investigating the affairs of the whole of the Hatry company since the sensational crash of two months or so back, gave evidence to-day.

He stated that the gross liabilities of the companies amounted to the enormous figure of £29,500,000, which did not include the issued share capital of £3,110,000.

Enormous Deficit.

Unsecured claims totalled £13,750,000.

He stated his opinion that there was a very small prospect of a dividend for the unsecured creditors. The deficiency, apparently, will total over £13,500,000.

In the course of his evidence, which caused something of a stir, Sir Gilbert Garnsey said that Hatry rang him up on the telephone on September 17th, and said he would very much like to see him.

Hatry's Admissions.

The four defendants visited Sir Gilbert at his office and Hatry, as the spokesman, then admitted immediately that they had been guilty of serious offences in connexion with their companies.

Sir Gilbert added that they had all given loyal assistance during the investigation of the remarkable state of affairs.

Defendants' Incomes.

Questioned regarding the total remunerations paid to the four defendants by the seven companies, the accountant said that:

Clarence Hatry had been paid £42,526 since 1925.

Daniels had received £23,575 since 1925.

Dixon had been paid £11,565 since 1925.

Between October, 1928 and September, 1929, Tabor, the fourth defendant, had received £5,065 from the seven companies.

None of Money Traced.

Answering questions by counsel for the defence, Sir Gilbert Garnsey agreed that not a penny of the moneys which formed the subject of the charges could be traced to the pockets of the defendants personally.

Reading a written statement, prior to his commitment for trial, the principal defendant Hatry said: "I am irretrievably ruined, but I shall prove that my actions were clean and creditable, and I shall take whatever punishment is in store uncomplainingly."

—*Reuter.*

ILLEGAL SEIZURE OF WORKS.

POLISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES COMPENSATION.

BRITISH DEMANDS.

London, Dec. 16.
In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary was asked if his attention had been called to the seizure by the Polish authorities of certain works at Radom, near Warsaw, in which a prominent British company has great financial interests.

He was further asked if he was aware that, despite the fact that the Polish Government had admitted that the seizure of the works was wholly unjustified and illegal, the Polish Government had refused any compensation, and that unless this decision were altered the British company in question must apply for the sequestration of the works, involving the closing of the works, and also involving serious loss of employment to British workmen.

Mr. Henderson replied that he was aware of the circumstances of this case and had recently despatched urgent telegraphic instructions to the British Ambassador at Warsaw, whose reply had since been received and communicated to the British company in question.

Mr. Henderson said he had also instructed the Ambassador, by a despatch, to present to the Polish Government the company's claim in respect of losses incurred by them. The future policy of the British company could only be decided by the company themselves.

—*British Wireless.*

THE ANGLO-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT.

DELAY IN PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

NO REASON YET GIVEN.

London, Dec. 16.
The newly appointed Russian Ambassador in London, M. Sokolnikoff, was received at the Foreign Office to-day by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, their conversation lasting for over an hour.

It is expected that M. Sokolnikoff will be received by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in a few days for the presentation of his credentials from the Soviet Government.

The matter of the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet was again raised in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. Arthur Henderson was questioned regarding an article in the Russian newspaper, *Pravda*, forecasting increased agitation among British miners in "preparation for the battle of April."

Mr. Henderson said the article was not such as to call for the notice of His Majesty's Government.

Asked the reason for the delay in the presentation of M. Sokolnikoff's credentials, Mr. Henderson said that was not a matter resting with a member of the Government. He added that the delay was not on M. Sokolnikoff's side but on our side.

Replying to a suggestion that the delay was due to the fact that the Dominions had not sanctioned it, Mr. Henderson replied: "Oh no." —*Reuter and British Wireless.*

CHINA'S MINISTER TO ENGLAND.

TO BE RECEIVED BY THE KING & QUEEN.

London, Dec. 16.
The China Association this afternoon welcomed Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister, and his wife, who are to be received by Their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on Thursday. —*Reuter.*

SOVIET INTRIGUE IN MONGOLIA.

INCITING POPULATION TO REBELLION.

Mukden, Dec. 17.
Reports from Hailar indicate that the Soviet Government is inciting the Young Mongols to declare independence in the Barga district. —*Reuter.*

LABOUR'S STICKY WICKET.

DISMAL PREDICTIONS IN LONDON.

CONSERVATIVES AND COAL MINES BILL.

ENTICING AMENDMENT

London, Dec. 16.
"Without definite steps to improve the outlook of British industry, the current tendency to increase taxation at the behest of sentimental theorists would lead the country into bankruptcy."

This was the dismal prediction of Lord Melchett, formerly Sir Alfred Mond, a leading Liberal, who has played a leading part in improving the relations between employers and employed, in the course of an address delivered at the London Chamber of Commerce to-day.

Mr. Churchill's Little Joke.

His views were endorsed by Mr. Winston Churchill, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, who speaking simultaneously at a Unionist gathering in London, declared that far from curing unemployment, every step the Government had taken had tended to increase the number of able-bodied paupers.

The Labour Government, he declared, was seeking to transform the country into a vast soup kitchen.

Mr. Churchill told his audience that he intended increasingly to draw attention to the grave impending developments in Egypt which ultimately, perhaps in the not distant future, would lead to a serious effusion of blood.

He added that the same proposals which were enjoining us out of Egypt are at work in India on a far larger scale.

"Dole" Bill Passed.

Meanwhile, in the House of Commons, the third reading of the Unemployment Insurance Bill has been passed, in spite of strong Conservative opposition.

The Tories moved an amendment for the rejection of the Bill on the ground that it threw too heavy a burden on the Exchequer and was calculated to result in a Budget deficit of at least £2,000,000.

The Conservative amendment was defeated by 273 votes to 199 votes before the third reading was passed.

Coal Bill Tussle.

The next severe tussle between the Government and the Opposition will commence to-morrow when the Government's Coal Mines Bill will be debated. The debate will continue on Tuesday and it is expected that the Bill will receive a second reading.

A Liberal amendment protests against the failure of the Bill to hasten rationalisation of the coal industry, but welcomes the establishment of a National Wages Board.

Conservative Amendment.

The Conservative amendment, which has precedence, however, has been tabled in a form which is designed to give the Liberals a chance of joining the Conservatives in the division lobby.

It will be moved by Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, the former President of the Board of Trade, to-morrow. It does not state any reasons for rejection of the Bill, but merely moves "that the Bill be read a second time this day six months hence."

Bait to Liberals.

In this form, it is open for the Liberals to join the Conservatives, though hitherto it has been considered "most probable that the Liberals will abstain from a vote in support of the Conservatives."

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CRIME THREAT TO SHANGHAI.

LAWLESS TROOPS DISBANDED AT JESSFIELD.

INVADE SETTLEMENT.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
The Municipal Police are understood to be keenly apprehensive, with very good reason, regarding the possible consequences of the action of the Garrison Commander of Greater Shanghai, in ordering the disbandment of a large number of troops.

These have been disbanded at Jessfield and paid off with a few dollars as compensation, and the police fear that they will embark on a career of crime when their resources are exhausted.

It is definitely known, as a matter of fact, that the disbanded soldiers belong to a mutinous regiment with a very bad record, and that the demobilisation is due to the determination of the Nanking leaders.

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL SCHEME.

Chinese Plan To Fill In Whangpoo River.

AND MAKE A NEW ONE.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
The Harbour Bureau of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai is reliably reported to be sponsoring a grandiose scheme for filling in the Whangpoo River and opening a new river which will be made available to ocean vessels. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

to have no troops in arms in the Nanking or Shanghai regions that cannot be absolutely trusted to support the Government.

It is feared that an outbreak of violent crime will result from the action. Already many of the soldiers have entered the International Settlement. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

LONG DISTANCE FLIER GOING WELL.

FRENCH WARSHIP GETS INTO TOUCH.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 16.
The wireless station at Pernambuco has picked up a message from a French warship which was in communication with the South Atlantic fliers, M. Challes and Colonel Borges, at 8.30 o'clock this morning when all was well. —*Reuter.*

Paris, Dec. 16.
Captains Le Brix and Rossi hopped off from the Le Bourget aerodrome at noon to-day for Benghazi, en route to Saigon, whither the airman Lassalle is also flying. —*Havas.*

Viry Chatillon, Dec. 16.
A wireless message from Lebrich and Rossi who are flying to Saigon, states that they had passed over St. Raphael.

The wireless equipment of their machine subsequently broke down, but the plane is reported to be approaching Bizerta, Tunis. —*Reuter.*

STRANGE STOPPAGE OF AIR LINE.

POLITICAL DIFFERENCES THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
Considerable surprise was caused in Shanghai yesterday by the sudden and mysterious suspension of the new air mail service between Hankow and Shanghai.

The stoppage was certainly not due altogether to the weather, but arose, it is believed, through certain political difficulties, following the resignation of Mr. Sun Fo as head of the National Aviation Corporation.

The service was, however, resumed this morning and it is believed that an adjustment has been effected with the Ministry of Communications. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

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TROOPS FIRE ON H.M.S. SEAMEW.

SEAMAN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

KWANGSI REBELS DISCLOSED AS CULPRITS.

FIRE IS RETURNED.

The fact that H.M.S. Seamew has been fired on by Chinese troops whilst she was on patrol duty in the West River is revealed in a message from our Canton correspondent, to hand this morning.

One of the bluejackets aboard was slightly wounded, and the Seamew returned the fire, with what effect is not stated.

Investigation of the incident subsequently undertaken, says our correspondent, shows that the troops which fired at the gunboat were Kwangsi rebels, who have recently suffered defeat at the hands of the Cantonese forces.

Our correspondent further reports that there was another encounter between the Kwangsi and Ironside rebels and the Cantonese defenders on Saturday, which for some time gave rise to considerable anxiety.

Advance Repelled.

It was suddenly learned that Lupao was in the hands of the Kwangsi troops under General Wong Shao-hung, and that, combining with the Ironsides, they crossed the Bamboo River and were advancing towards Canton.

Lupao, which is only about 25 miles from Canton, was the place where the Kwangsi rebels met their defeat last May when they tried to attack Canton.

On this occasion the rebel forces advanced across the river and were proceeding near Dai Tong when the Cantonese under General Chiang Kwong-nai suddenly launched a very heavy counter-attack and, with the assistance of the aeroplanes who were bombing the rebels, they drove the enemy back across the river in disorder and recaptured Lupao.

Another version of the battle states that General Chiang Kwang-nai's troops purposely allowed the rebels to advance almost without opposition, meanwhile preparing an ambush for them near Dai Tong. If this version is correct, it certainly proved a very successful piece of strategy.

General Ho Departs.

General Ho Ying-ching, the Commander-in-Chief of all the Nationalist forces engaged in suppressing the Kwangsi and Ironside rebellion, left Canton yesterday afternoon on board a gunboat for Hongkong and will be proceeding to Shanghai, immediately, en route for Nanking.

A large crowd of officials gathered at the Government Wharf at the end of the Wing Hon Maloo to bid farewell to General Ho.

It will be remembered that General Ho Ying-ching recently arrived from Nanking to take over command of the campaign from General Chan Chai-tong, the Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese forces. He brought from the North with him some 40,000 men of the 6th and 8th Divisions. Now that he is returning to Nanking, it is presumed General Chan Chai-tong will once more be in command here.

Welcome to Victors.

General Chan Chai-tong himself has been up in the fighting area for some time, but returned to Canton on Saturday, arriving at the Wang Sha Railway terminus of the Yueh Nan Railway accompanied by General Chiang Kwang-nai who was quite fresh from his victory over the rebels at Lupao.

The two Generals were given a fousing reception in the streets of Canton, large numbers of officials and representatives of various guilds and societies being present to welcome them.

It has been notified that Martial Law has been raised from the city. Everything here remains quiet, but the motor traffic has not yet returned to the streets and it is still impossible to secure a public hire car or an omnibus.

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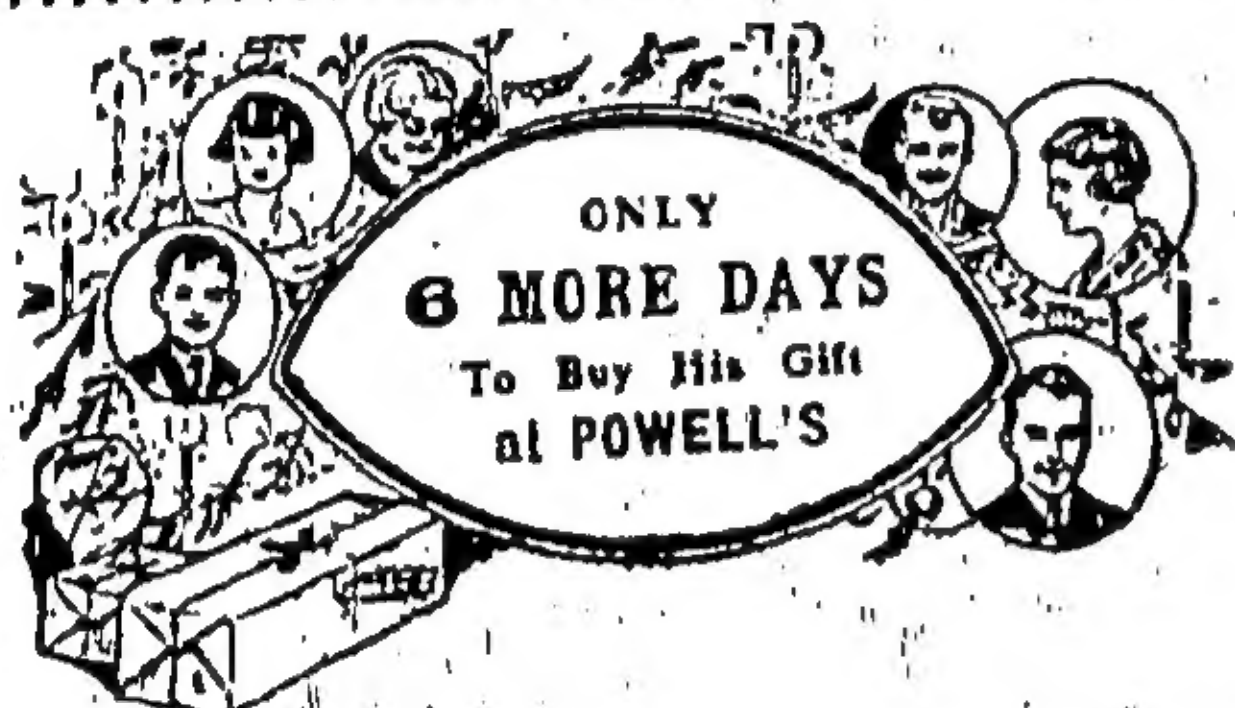
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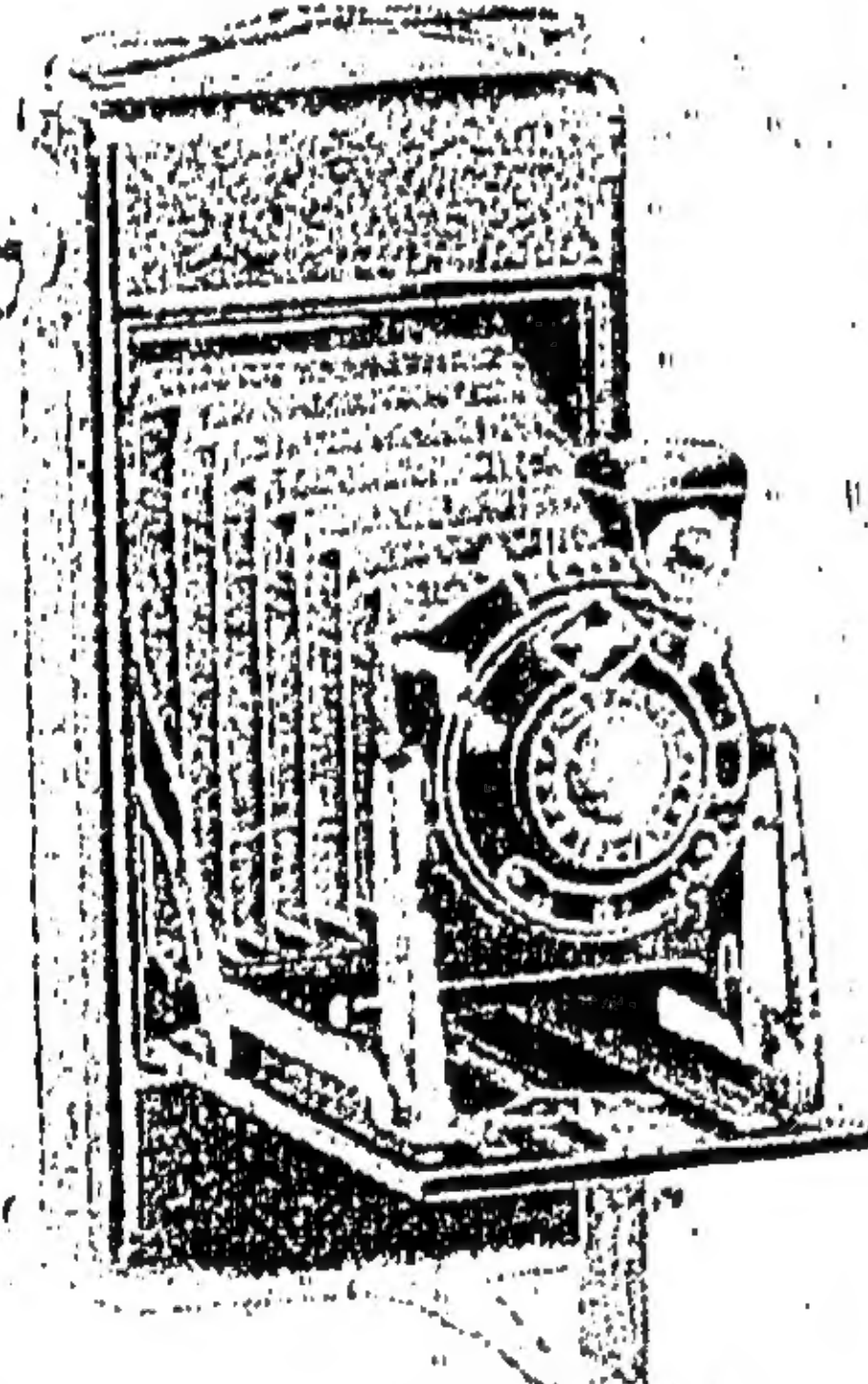


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BREWER CASE CONTINUED.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF BANK'S BOOKS.

THE LOAN QUESTION.

Mr. Hampden Ross, the accountant commissioned to investigate the books of the Instone Banking Corporation, concluded his testimony on the resumption of the Brewer case before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. S. Hampden Ross, the Liquidator, continued his evidence for the prosecution in the Instone Banking Corporation case, which was resumed before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham yesterday afternoon, when he stated that the Collateral Security Loans, the Mortgage and Long Term Loans, Stocks, Shares, etc., and the un-called capital, the total amount of which was \$2,603,147.66, shown on the printed balance sheet as assets of the Corporation could not be recognised as assets, as they had never existed.

Replying to Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, the Public Prosecutor, the witness said that 90% of the \$1,420,950 stated in the balance sheet to be un-called capital, had never been allocated.

Mr. Fitzroy:—As an experienced auditor, would you have passed that balance sheet with the amount termed "un-called capital" as an asset?—No, I would certainly not. It should never have been included?—No.

The statement that it was an asset is absolutely false?—Yes. Mr. Ross added that in November, 1927, \$963,000 was transferred from the Capital Account to the Allotment and Suspense Account, but in spite of this it was included in the Capital account. Certain application forms had been filled in by various persons on dates in July, August and September, 1927, for the total amount of \$1,133,000 and in November, they were definitely regarded as doubtful and were transferred to the Allotment and Suspense account. The largest applicant was a person named Kwang Hoi-tin, who had \$550,000 worth, and the books showed that certain of his shares were forfeited in April, 1928. Despite this fact, they were still included as an asset in the Share Capital account, whereas, actually they were not assets. They never were an asset, and it must have been known by those concerned that no money was likely to be realised.

No Collateral Security.

Dealing with the Collateral Security Loans (short term and at call) item which was shown on the balance sheet at \$349,630, Mr. Ross said that it was no collateral security at all. In fact he could not find any. In inspecting the books, he found several application forms and promissory notes amounting to \$205,500, which, so far as he could see, had never been paid out. According to the books, these should have amounted to \$761,000, which included \$432,000 from Mrs. Brewer. He could, however, find no collateral security and it was an absolute false statement to say that there was any such security. As an auditor he would never have allowed such a thing to appear in a balance sheet. He would have asked them to put things right. He would have regarded them as unsecured loans, and insisted that they were put as such.

Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that it was stated the Company lent \$761,000. How much money would the Company have up to the time these loans were made?

Mr. Ross replied that the bulk of the loans were made on June 10 and the last one on July 15. During the whole of that period the Company never had the cash to make the loans. The balance of cash in hand at the time was \$9,330, and during June and July they received various amounts of cash to a rough total of \$80,000, so that they never had the cash in hand to make the loans to the shareholders. It was a physical impossibility.

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Not An Asset.

Turning to the Mortgage and Long Term Loans, which were stated to be \$266,630, the witness said he could see no mortgage held by the bank, and if there were none, the statement made in the balance sheet was absolutely false. There was an amount shown as owing from the Hongkong branch, but it was not a mortgage loan, because it did not exist. It was a cross-entry with the Hongkong branch. The \$260,000 appeared in the Head Office books and as a cross-entry item in the Hongkong books. That could be no means be an asset, because it never existed.

The witness was then taken to the Stocks, Shares and other Investments item, which was marked at \$484,831.80, which he said was made up by 415 shares of \$1,000 shares of the Instone Banking Corporation and the purchase price of the goodwill in a bond selling, which amounted to \$69,793.60.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Can "good-will" be described as stocks, shares and investments?—No. It falls to dis-close all material information and was quite wrong to appear there. Questioned with regard to the item showing a block of 4,800 shares originally allotted to Mrs. Brewer and subsequently shown in the books as having been acquired by the Instone Trading Company, witness said that he could not find any information in the books as to the value of these shares. They would be worth no-

thing assuming that the only shares possessed by the Trading Company were the shares of the Instone Banking Corporation. "The Balance Sheet shows that the Instone Banking Corporation had no assets at all. When I said no assets, I should have said that the assets of the Instone Banking Corporation were such that they were just able to pay their liabilities."

Mr. Fitzroy: What do you mean by "paying their liabilities?"—Their assets were not more than sufficient to pay their liabilities.

Continuing, witness said that Loans, Mortgages and Investments, as shown on the Balance Sheet were obviously worth practically nothing, as the Directors must have known. Their bank premises in Hongkong were mortgaged. It followed that with the shares of the Instone Banking Corporation as its only asset, the Instone Trading Company was worth nothing.

Witness went on to say that a further examination of the books showed that the 4,800 shares were originally allotted to Mrs. Brewer on June 21, 1927. Payment of \$48,000 was purported to have been made, but this was only a cross-entry against her bond-selling goodwill, refunded to the Bank by Mrs. Brewer. On June 28, Mrs. Brewer had a "loan" of \$432,000 and that evened up the value of the shares allotted to her and showed them to have been fully paid up. Subsequently the shares were transferred to the

Instone Trading Company for \$415,000.

Witness was questioned next with regard to the item Customers Deposits, and he said that item was a false one, being overstated to the extent of \$260,000 in the Statutory Report.

Mr. Ross Cross-examined.

Mr. E. Davidson then rose to cross-examine for the defence. "Mr. Ross," he said, "I am not going to quarrel with you on the subject of accounts. I am prepared to accept your views as to the proper way of accounting. You appreciate that in dealing with this report we are not considering it is a correct account from the accountant's viewpoint. The question is whether it was a perjured report with which Mr. Brewer is charged. You are, I understand, the principal witness for the prosecution? You are called to bear the main burden of proof of these charges? In your own point of view, where a Company's shares are allotted, the Company in practice does not receive any cash at all, do they? I am taking the literal meaning of "cash." In effect, cash is never used, in the strict sense of the term, and what is done in practice is that a cheque is paid by the shareholder and that goes into the Company's banking account?"

Witness:—Yes. It is therefore a matter of opinion as to what constitutes payment of cash. That must be so, isn't it?—Yes.

It is not a question here whether the Instone Bank is properly conducted, or whether it is a sound, substantial concern. The question is whether they had adopted, rightly or wrongly, this particular method of inviting shareholders: a call was made, by the Bank which was not paid, except in the books. Money was lent to the shareholders, and in exchange for one of these documents, I am suggesting the actual process was this: The shareholder goes to the Bank and says: "I want to pay so much in advance of call, in advance of shares. The Company says 'We don't want it now, but we will take it and lend it back.' That, I put to you, was the transaction as shown in the books?—No. I cannot agree that they paid money and were lent it back. I am not asking you to say that. I ask you to say that the matter was treated in the books as if that had been done. That was done, was it not?—Yes, that is the idea. And the result was, that instead of having a right to make a call on the shares, on their shareholders, the Bank got a definite (Continued on Page 15.)

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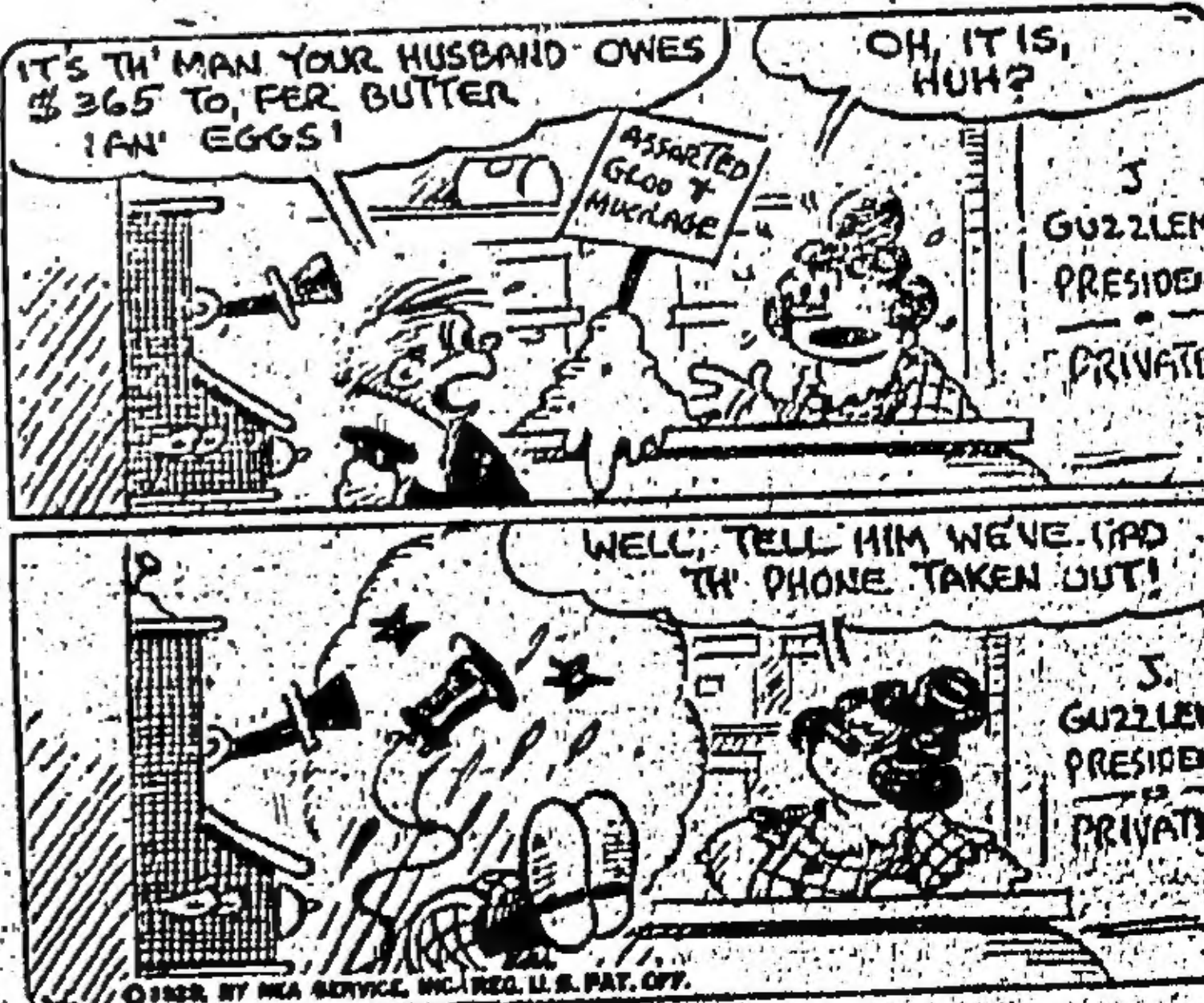
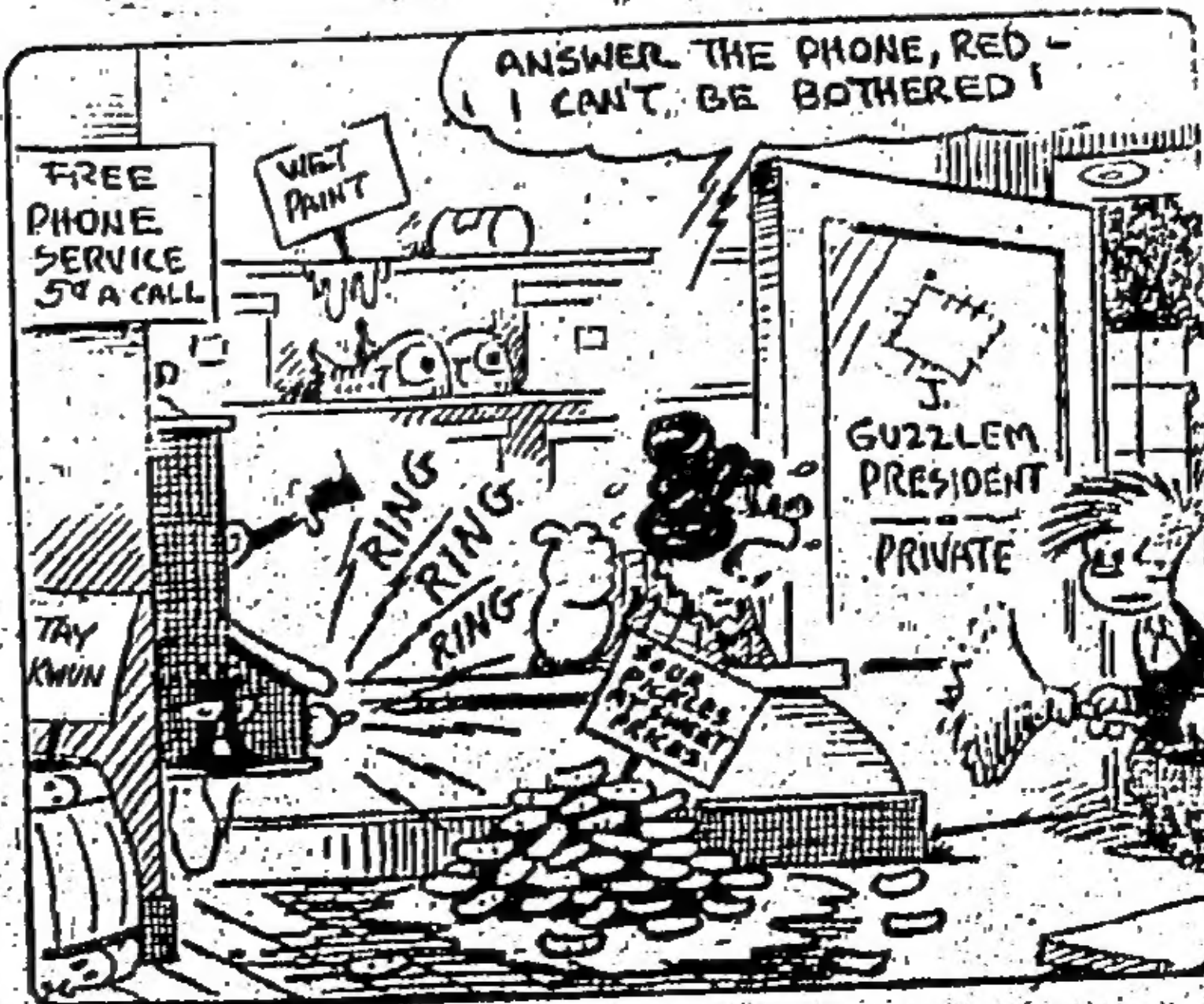
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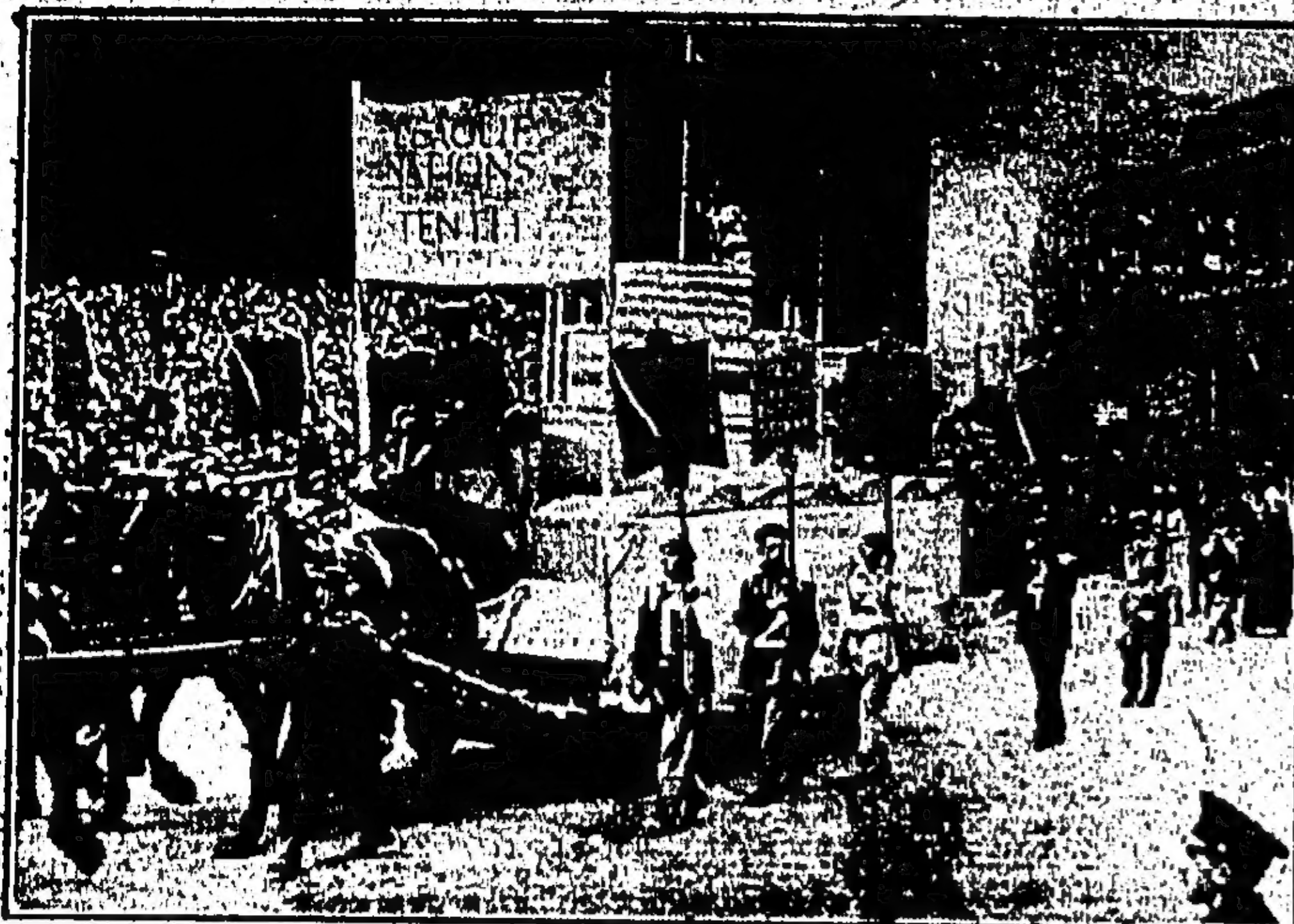
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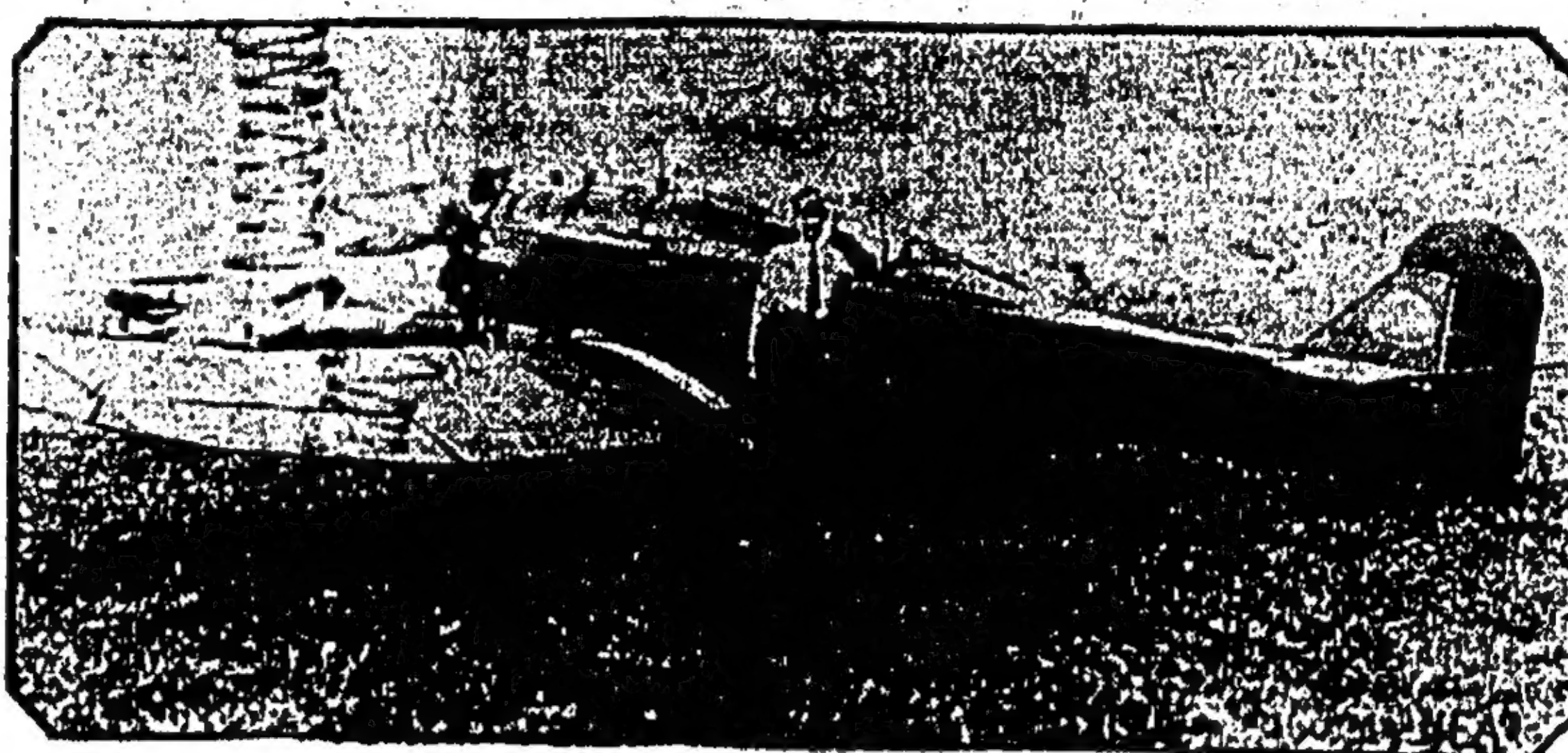
A large cake lit with 10 candles and a procession of representatives of the 54 member countries in national costume represented the League of Nations in the recent Lord Mayor's Show. (Times copyright).



A photograph taken during the Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph. On the right can be seen the Prince of Wales with the Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. Facing the camera is the Prime Minister, with Mr. Baldwin on his left and Mr. Lloyd George on his right. (Times copyright).



Particular interest during the Lord Mayor's Show was taken in the 12 fisher-wives from the Firth of Forth, countrywomen of the new Lady Mayors, who are seen on our picture in the Lord Mayor's procession. (Times copyright).



The tiny low-winged monoplane in which Urban Dittman, the American cowboy aviator met disaster in his recent attempt to fly the Atlantic. The machine carried sufficient fuel for 25 hours only.



Photo taken after the recent wedding in Shanghai of Miss Hyacinthe Eveline Portal, daughter of Brig-General Bertram P. Portal, C.B., D.S.O. and the Hon. Mrs. Portal, and Mr. Malcolm A. A. Mackintosh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Mackintosh, of Drumalin, Inverness.



A close-up of the American cowboy-aviator, Urban Dittman, who lost his life recently in a courageous attempt to fly the Atlantic in a light machine.



The model of the fourth Mary Rose was recently placed in the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas, Portsmouth as a memorial to seamen. It was dedicated by the Bishop of Portsmouth and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Lichfield, the descendant of Sir John Kempthorne, the commander of the fourth Mary Rose. (Times copyright).



Our picture taken at the Portsmouth ceremony shows Lord Jellicoe leaving the church with Sir Roger Keyes (Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth) who placed the memorial ship in position. (Times copyright).



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Emps. of Asia Wed., Dec. 18.
Parcels Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
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Parcels 1 p.m.
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Straits Thurs., Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow Thurs., Dec. 19, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow and Wei Hai Wei Fri., Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
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Malwa Sat., Dec. 21.
Parcels Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Dec. 21, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
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Parcels Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
Registration Dec. 21, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Sat., Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Hai Ning Sat., Dec. 21, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia Sat., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
Amoy Sat., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
Amoy Sun., Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun., Dec. 22, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Sun., Dec. 22, 9 a.m.

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President Cleveland Mon., Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
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Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.

Swatow Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Cheong Shing Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Foochow and Weihaiwei Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

Patrols Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Registration 1 p.m.
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Letters 2.30 p.m.
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Reference to the impending departure of H.E. the Governor was made at the official opening of the new Catholic University Hostel, Ricci Hall, yesterday afternoon by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, who said that in years to come he hoped to see a "Clementi Hall" stand within the University domains.

The gathering at the hostel was a most distinguished one and included, in addition to His Excellency, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Bishop Valtorta, the Bishop of Victoria, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, C.B.E., Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E., and many members of the clergy and laity of all denominations. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Lady Clementi and from the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotowall, C.M.G.

Following the arrival of H. E. the Governor, and the opening of the hostel, the gathering adjourned to the rear of the building where, on a fine terrace commanding a magnificent view across the harbour, the speeches were made.

Welcoming H.E., Father G. Byrne, S.J., said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen: We have assisted at a ceremony which is simple in its accomplishment but profound in its implications. Opening a door is so simple an act that the burglar can dispense with your keys, yet opening a door is so full of meaning that the phrase has become one of the rich metaphors of our language. Our memories of the past, our joys, our hopes, our aspirations, all crowd through the open door of our minds, voluntarily or involuntarily admitted. Every one realises that no quest is so human as the quest of the golden key which unlocks the door of the temple of knowledge. You can see, then, how fitting is the ceremony, just performed by His Excellency, of opening the door of a new University Hostel, destined for students of Universal Knowledge.

It seems to me that there is an especial appropriateness in the function for His Excellency, at the present moment. To the regret of all, he and Lady Clementi are about to leave us. In the mind of the Home Government, Singapore is a step higher on the administrative ladder, but to us, who know the East, it is absurd to say that a Governor, in the low-lying Straits, could climb higher than Mountain Lodge, on the Peak. Certain it is that His Excellency will find it difficult to reach a higher point in the esteem of his new friends than he has reached in the good-will of all Hongkong.

He has devoted himself, untiringly to every phase of local development, and I am sure that he will not contradict me if I say that the growth of the University has had a very warm corner in his heart, and that no one has worked more actively than he to help the University to pass the stage of what Mr. Hornell called "its growing pains." From the first he has taken a keen interest in the erection of Ricci Hall. It is an addition to the University; and may we flatter ourselves that, at least in its ideals, it is an addition that would appeal to his scholarship?

History of Ricci.

The name chosen for the Hall—Ricci Hall—suggests that those responsible for its direction wish to borrow a leaf from His Excellency's own book of scholarship, by trying to make a happy blend of Western and Eastern scholarship. Long before Ricci, Western missionaries, Western traders, Western explorers had found their way to the East, but Matteo Ricci (pronounced Ritchie) was the first to establish himself at the court of Peking, not only as a recognised scientist, but as a master in science who opened up new fields of knowledge to the scholars of the East. After working for some years in Canton, Shiu Hing and other parts of South China, Father Ricci finally got permission to settle in Peking, on January 24, 1601. At Peking he remained until his death on May 11, 1610. He was known to the citizens as Priest, Sinologue and Scientist and to quote the words of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*: "Probably no European name of past centuries is so well known as that of Li-ma-tsu, the form in which the name of Ricci was adapted to Chinese usage. The works which he composed in Chinese are numerous. . . . They are said to display an aptitude for clothing ideas in a Chinese dress very rare and remarkable in a foreigner."

It is natural that those who belong to the Jesuit Order of which Fr. Ricci was a member should seek to perpetuate his memory by some suitable memorial in the East. It is a happy coincidence that the first warden of the Hall—Fr. MacDonald—should have commenced his connexion with the East in Shiu Hing and Canton, as did

Ricci. Fr. MacDonald has just come to us from Canton where, last year, he taught mathematics in Cantonese. Though Fr. MacDonald would be the first to deny any claim to a scholarship such as Ricci's, I am quite safe in saying that in devotion to the study of the language he is one with his illustrious brother, and if he and those associated with him in the work were not animated by the ideals of Ricci, this Hall would have remained unbuild.

Scope of University.

If you ask what more precisely these ideals are, I would say that they are happily summed up in the title given to Ricci "Priest, Sinologue, Scientist." These ideals are developed by Cardinal Newman in his idea of a University. He claims as the scope of a University the culture of universal knowledge, and shows that this aim cannot be attained unless the mind sweeps the heavens as well as the earth. We have been selecting Christmas cards, these days, and the traditions of Christmas must bring home to us the impossibility of understanding the thought of a Dante, a Shakespeare, a Milton without some of the theology of the Incarnation. Nor can we divorce the art of Michelangelo, of Raphael, of Murillo from the same theology.

For this reason, amongst others, we can see the need of Hostels which, within a University, afford such students, as freely desire it, the opportunity of pursuing, pari passu with their secular studies, the culture which, to those who believe in religion at all, must dominate all other cultures—the religious development of their souls. In the biochemical laboratory an excellent menu card of carbohydrates and proteins suitably blended for our dinner may be drawn up, but we are more interested in the social side of our parties than even in vitamins, and the best equipped laboratory does not analyse table talk. A full University course should prepare the student to be something more than a doctor or an engineer or a lawyer; it should prepare him to be a man, to play to the full his role of duty in life:

"So high is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low—Thou must."

The youth replies—I can't!

The social life of a University Hall where students of so many different races, creeds and varied cultures meet should be an invaluable training ground. The permanent staff of the Hall will consist of the Warden with two or three others, all University Graduates of different faculties: thus, at present, literature, medicine and engineering are represented. As in the residential Halls of Oxford and Cambridge private assistance is given to such students as desire it, so it will be the aim of the Fathers to help those who may need help in their studies.

Useful Library.

Amongst other things you will notice that we are endeavouring to build up a useful library for the benefit of the students. We shall try to make this library more serviceable by lectures on such subjects as the use of libraries the choice of books, the most profitable way to read, &c. Lord Bacon has truly said that "reading maketh a full man" but he did not add that indiscriminate reading may produce a mental indigestion more dangerous than the bodily malady and more difficult to cure.

On the open book, above the hall door, you have noticed a phrase from the Analects of Confucius, which we might render freely into English: "In your quest of scholarship follow the man of high ideals, not the man of low ideals." We shall be happy if the student of Ricci Hall has this motto "Excellisior" as his watchword. We hope, certainly, that the immediate result of his efforts will be success in the examination hall. But we hope still more that, even if he were to fail in the list of academic honours, he will not fail in the more important roll call of being a man—every inch a man: "tis not in mortals to command success, but I've done better, I've deserved it."

On behalf of the staff of Ricci Hall, I beg to thank very sincerely H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi for his presence to-day and his genuine interest in the Hall; Bishop Valtorta for unfailing encouragement; Professor Middleton Smith, the senior Dean of the University staff for his presence on the platform to welcome us into the University circle. I might add that the acquisition of the beautiful site is due not only to his engineering in-

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CATHOLIC HOSTEL OPENED.

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stinct but to his artistic sense which, years ago, persuaded the military authorities that "better is wisdom than weapons of war."

Thanks to Builders.

The architects, Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood, the contractors, Messrs. Lam Woo, Mr. Vanniere who did the chapel, the electricians, Messrs. Jack, Messrs. Reiss Massey for the heating, Lee Yu Kee for the range will all be rewarded by your approbation, when you have examined their work. Nor will you deny it to Messrs. Chung & Chung for the room furniture, nor to Mr. Chanatong for the design of the library presses.

We are indebted to the Club Lusitano for allowing us one of their billiard tables at a more than reasonable cost.

Besides all these I should mention a small list of benefactors, who have contributed towards the cost of furnishing the Hostel. As I hope that the list will be increased, I am withholding publication for the moment. It is customary to make an appeal for institutions such as this. If I imitate the general custom, I know that I can call upon your goodness which has grown by frequent giving, and at the same time I can appeal to your civic sense. St. Paul boasted that he "was a citizen of no mean city." A Hongkonger can surely indulge in the boast, to say nothing of the resident who points to the placard of Greater Kowloon.

Now you are convinced that a University and all the machinery that goes to work it are not a luxury but a necessity to the national life. You will crumble and be replaced; you will leave thoughts, ideals, inspirations—they will germinate for good or ill; you help to educate those who will take your place, what have you done?—

"What is white?"

The soul of the sage, faith-

lit.

The trust of Age.

The infant's untaught wit.

What more white?

The face of truth made known,

The Voice of Youth

Singing before her throne."

Loss of H.E.

Professor Middleton Smith said that of all the friends the University had had in its existence, H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi would rank as one of the greatest. He had always shown a great interest in the University, and it was with dismay that all connected with the institution heard of his impending departure.

Ricci Hall was fortunate in having had Sir Cecil to open its portals and to bear a stone tablet to that effect at its entrance. In years to come he hoped that the University would have a "Clementi Hall" to commemorate the work Sir Cecil had always so gladly performed for the institution.

The University had had many difficulties in its career, he continued, but it was most happy never to have misfortunes resulting from divergence of religious views. He pointed out that at one time the University of London had suffered from this complaint. The Duke of Wellington, who had very fixed views on religious matters, was determined to enforce them upon the colleges in the same way that he had conquered his enemies on the field of battle. Finally, the authorities said that if the University controllers could not agree, they would keep only one body within its walls, and that the most unpopular one, the examiners. This was done and for many years the University remained in this condition. In 1900, however, the people became more sensible and to-day the University had a different standard of affairs that made for higher standards socially, and intellectually.

Bishop's Address.

His Lordship Bishop Valitoria said that it was indeed a great pleasure to see the realization of a long cherished dream in having a Catholic Hostel at the University of Hongkong. The invitation from the University authorities long ago to start a Catholic Hostel had been eagerly accepted. The Catholic Church respected freely all religious liberty and actually forbade all forms of religious coercion. Yet it wished Christian principles and ideals to always accompany step by step, even up to the University, the education of youth. The short 22 years he had passed in China had more than convinced him of the absolute necessity of Christian principles as a basis for education. He had seen a feverish activity for education in China, yet he had seen once more how true it was that the school when it ceases to be a temple becomes a den.

To the instruction of the mind must be added the moulding of the character—to the scientist add the man. These reasons had moved the Catholic Mission to start a hostel for the University students. However, the Mission had always had troubles of one kind or another, so that it could not succeed until to-day. But where there was a will there was a way. The building, the equipment, and above all the fine staff of the hall, made the

RADIO BROADCAST.

PROGRAMME BY ZBW FOR TO-DAY.

European music will be broadcast by ZBW, to-day on 355 and 49 metres between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., the nine o'clock transmission being devoted to Chinese music. The full programme for to-day is as follows:

5.00-7.00 p.m. Programme of H. M. V. and Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Moore.

"Le Traviata"—Poppo (Verdi).

Part 1 and 2, (Verdi).

Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 14," (Liszt).

Mark Hambourg.

"Five O'clock Girl,"—Selection, (Ruby).

"Love Lies,"—Selection, (Ruby).

"Dear Little Cafe,"—Selection, (Ruby).

"Bitter Sweet,"—Selection, (Ruby).

"I'll see you again,"—Selection, (Ruby).

Peggy Wood and George Metaxa.

"Madam Butterfly,"—Selection, (Puccini).

"New Light Symphony Orchestra."

"Pilgrim's Song of Hope," (Baptiste).

"Liebestraum," (A Dream of Love), (Liszt).

Henry Gordon Thumder.

"Carmen"—Selection—Part 1 to 4, (Bizet).

Creators and His Band.

"I like my old home town," (Lauder).

"I'm looking for a Bonnie Lass to love me," (Lauder).

Sir Harry Lauder.

"Ballet Egyptian Suite,"—Part 1 to 4, (Lullig).

Concert Orchestra.

"The Desert Song,"—Vocal Gems, (Romberg).

"The Blue Mazurka,"—Vocal Gems, (Lehar).

Light Opera Company.

"Trovatore Selection—Part 1 and 2," (Verdi).

Creators Band.

"Caprice Viennois," (Kreiser).

"Humoresque," (Dvorak-Kreiser).

Fritz Kreisler.

"Cavalleria Rusticana"—Intermezzo, (Mascagni).

"Tales of Hoffman—Barcarolle," (Offenbach).

Victor Concert Orchestra.

7.45 p.m. Weather report.

9.00 p.m. Chinese programme.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

hostel a most welcome addition to the University. The Jesuit Fathers whenever they started something always did it in the most thorough manner. Such a type was Father Ricci, and such, he had no doubt, would be the Jesuit staff of Ricci Hall. Together with the undying gratitude of the Catholic Mission they would gain for themselves the gratitude and blessings of all those who throughout China would have the fortune of coming into contact with such men as will have been educated by them at Ricci Hall.

The Governor.

"H. E. The Governor said:—

Father Byrne, Ladies and Gentlemen: Both as Chancellor of the Hongkong University and as Governor of this Colony I welcome the establishment of Ricci Hall; and it is a great pleasure to me to perform the opening ceremony to-day. The founders of the Hongkong University rightly decided that the institution should be residential, in order that its undergraduates might enjoy the benefits which are so marked a feature of residential Universities in England. Moreover, the raison d'être of the Hongkong University is, or should be, to explain China to the West and the West to China. But such an object cannot be achieved merely by lectures to students in a classroom, supplemented by private study in a lodging-house. Some form of collegiate life is essential; and it is this which the hostels of the Hongkong University, of which Ricci Hall is one, aim at supplying. So important is this matter in the view of the Hongkong Government that arrangements are now made for our cadet officers on arrival in the Colony to be attached to the Hongkong University and, whenever accommodation is available, to live in one of the University hostels.

We wish by this means, on the one hand, to facilitate the Chinese studies of cadets and, on the other hand, to establish friendly contact from the outset, between Chinese undergraduates and young Britishers, newly arrived in Hongkong, who have in most cases very recently themselves been undergraduates in one of the universities at home. We hope thereby to benefit, not only the students, but the University and the Colony as well; for in years to come the University hostels will, I anticipate, play a role of increasing importance in the life of the Colony and they should materially contribute to mutual understanding between the many races of which the Colony's population is composed. Even at a distance I shall watch the career of Ricci Hall with deep interest and I shall expect to hear great things of its achievements for the cause of education, for the cause of good fellowship and for the cause of righteousness.

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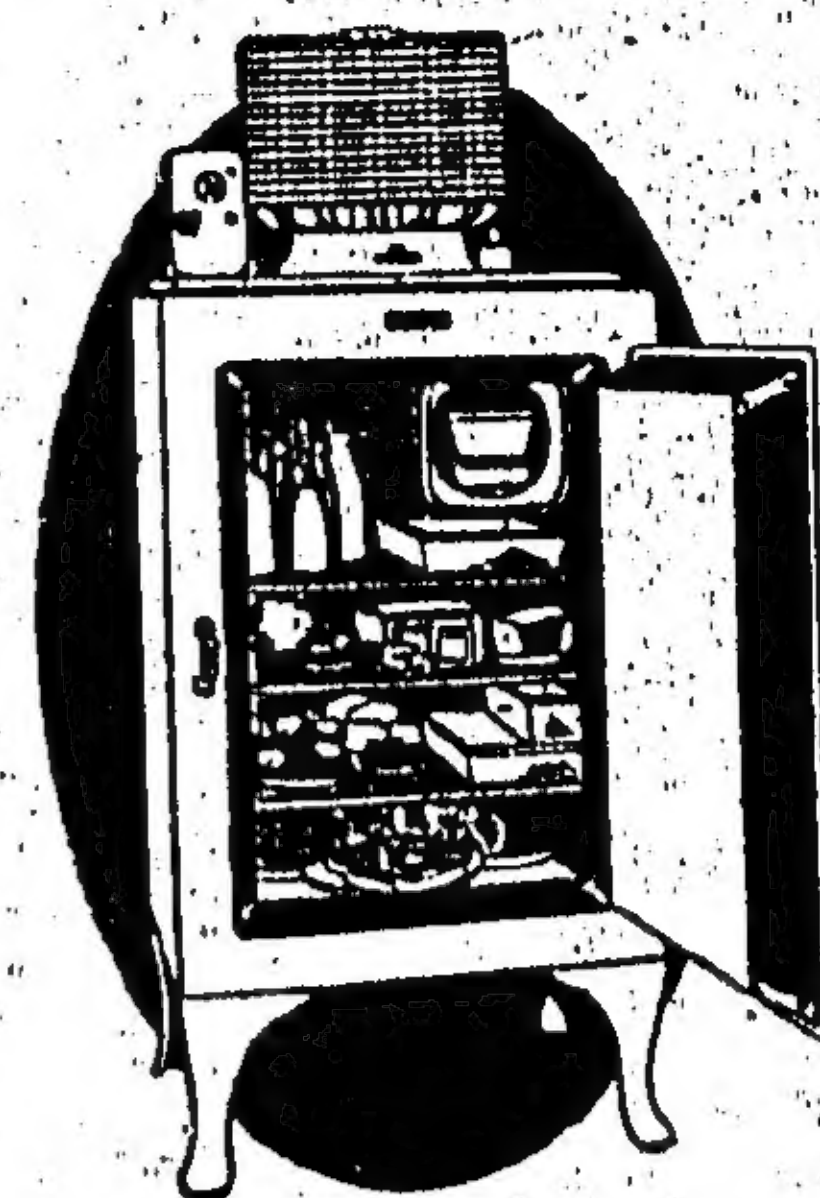
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CINEMA NOTES.

"THE BROADWAY MELODY" FOR THURSDAY.

As its first all-talking film, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer took a specially written story with a theatrical Broadway background by Edmund Goulding, gave it to Harry Beaumont to direct with a cast headed by Charles King, Anita Page and Bessie Love, got James Gleason, author of "Is Zat So?" and "The Shannons of Broadway" and Norman Houston to write the sophisticated dialogue, secured lyrics by Arthur Freed and music by Nacio Herb Brown, dashed in a bit of technicolour in order not to lose the beauty of acts and costumes, and called the result "The Broadway Melody."

"This picture, which enthusiastic advance information insists is easy on the eye and not at all hard on the ear, will be presented for the first time in Hongkong at the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, guaranteeing some of the greatest screen entertainment seen here."

If any credence is to be given to the assertions of those who are responsible for this particular film and those who witnessed its sensational debut at the Astor Theatre in New York City, where it carried the motion picture critics and the huge first-night audience by storm, it deserves special attention as the most brilliant all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing motion picture yet screened.

Of course the proof from an individual point of view is how one likes the picture when one sees and hears it, from the box-office point of view, how many individuals will like it so well or so little that they can or cannot, as the case may be, stay away from it. So far, "The Broadway Melody" audiences have been among the greatest, numerically speaking, of any in the history of the screen. Another item speaking well for "The Broadway Melody" is the fact that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer decided that it was the best vehicle obtainable for breaking the ice with an all-talker, largely because there is so much music in it. They have "The Trial of Mary Dugan" and other all-talking pictures on the way, but elected to open the campaign with a singing and dancing entertainment.

In order to let the music into the situations as naturally as possible, the author wrote of two sisters who came to New York to go on the stage and of their adventures in "Tin Pan Alley" and on the stage, back and front. Opportunities that this sort of theme gives for songs are obvious. "The Broadway Melody" has the enchanting air of a musical comedy and all the drama of a serious story. A full musical comedy chorus is used and the music includes "The Broadway Melody," "You Were Meant for Me," and "Love Boat."

The cast is a notable one, including besides the three principals, Ned Prouty, Kenneth Thomson, Edward Dillon, Mary Doran, Eddie Kane, J. Emmett Beck, Marshall Ruth and Drew Demarest.

Miracle Man at Majestic.

If the advance reports that herald the visit of Levante the well known illusionist who will appear at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon to-morrow can be relied on, it would not be asking too much to have him titled "The Miracle Man." Levante's one object in life appears to be to cause pretty ladies to vanish in mid-air, or to create as much laughter as possible whilst indulging in magical effects that are droll to the extreme. With a small boy, a hat and some eggs he succeeds in convulsing his audience with laughter, whilst the next minute he has apparently caused a lady to suffer torture whilst penetrating her with swords. Most of his illusions are from Maskelyne; that in itself brands him a star performer.

Miss Gladys Cole, who accompanies Levante, plays delightful music on a huge accordion. Her first programme will include "Humoresque" and several numbers from the "Follies of 1929."

CLASH AT MINE.

POLICE USE FIREARMS IN AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, Dec. 16. Four thousand miners at a Rothbury colliery viciously attacked the police early this morning. The police used revolvers and three miners were wounded. Several police were injured as the result of heavy stone-throwing. Attacks Resumed.

Later. Wild scenes followed the shooting, groups of miners making repeated and desperate attacks on the Police. The affray lasted for twenty minutes and broke out again later in the morning when the miners tried to force their way in to the colliery. A legislator named Baddley was injured in a melee while attempting to pacify the miners.—Reuter.

Attempts at Settlement.

Sydney, Dec. 16. One miner was killed and nine were wounded, while forty-five suffered minor injuries, and six police were injured, in the disturbance at Rothbury mine.

Apparently the miners intended to occupy the mine, but had not expected such resolute resistance. Mr. Chaffey, the Minister for Mines, says there is no question but that law and order will be maintained. Large police reinforcements have gone to the mine from the Sydney and Newcastle districts.

The Federal Cabinet has resolved immediately to intervene in the dispute and the Commonwealth Arbitration Court has summoned the parties to an urgent, compulsory conference in Sydney at noon to-morrow.

Mr. Scullin has telegraphed to the miners' leaders strongly requesting the miners to withdraw from the vicinity of the mine and avoid further clashes.

The leaders have replied that they will do everything possible to comply with the request.

Mr. Scullin has also requested Mr. Bavin, Premier of New South Wales, to suspend the measures for opening the mine, but the New South Wales Cabinet has decided not to alter its plan to open the mine on Thursday, and will not participate in the conference to-morrow.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PRODUCTS.

KEEN COMPETITION WITH INDIA EXPECTED.

Bombay, Dec. 16. At the opening of the annual general meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India and Ceylon the Governor of Bombay, Sir Frederick Sykes, was of opinion that the United States would be compelled to resort to wholesale dumping of produce wherever possible in order to dispose of its immense production, for which the demand had suddenly declined owing to the stock market collapse; thus India would be brought increasingly into direct competition with American industry, and the demand for Indian products must inevitably to some extent slacken and prices fall.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
STOP. SHOP. SHOT. SOOT.
LOOT. LOOK.

among them being "The Breakaway," "That's You Baby," "Walking With Susie" and "Big City Blues." The film supporting these artists has been selected with great care is "Jesse James" with Fred Thomson. It is a story of a gentleman highwayman and is full of tense drama and clever stunts. To give family parties a chance of seeing Levante, it has been arranged for him to appear during three of the four performances of the Majestic Theatre, daily.

AMERICAN PROGRESS.

REPORTS STRESS THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY.

Washington, Dec. 16. The unbroken, steady expansion of business in the past eight years, notwithstanding a few minor, short-lived recessions, is stressed in Mr. Lamont's annual message to Congress, showing that the expansion of production of commodities, transport and other services had in nowise diminished in the year ending June 30. The annual report of the Labour Secretary, Mr. Davis, suggests that the air patrol curb immigration, smugglers and other border law breakers. He asserts the latter are already using airships, while the enforcement of the law can only be accomplished by better weapons than those used by the law breakers.

Mr. Davis advocates a policy of selective immigration to ensure admittance of the best qualified Europeans. Among two million candidates for places, the total quotas are 150,000.—Reuter's American Service.

American Incomes.

New York, Dec. 16. The income of the people in the United States has increased by 23,470 million dollars in the last decade, and by almost sixty billion dollars in the last twenty years, according to figures compiled by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

It is also estimated that the average wage earner received 1,205 dollars in 1928, compared with 976 in 1909.—Reuter's American Service.

LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

BUSY SESSION FORESHADOWED FOR NEXT MONTH.

London, Dec. 16. There are 25 subjects on the agenda of the 58th session of the League of Nations Council, which will open at Geneva on January 13. The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, will preside on this occasion. The business will include the selection of a committee to consider an amendment of the League Covenant in order to bring it into accord with the Paris Peace Pact, the appointment of a further committee to examine the causes of delay in ratification of the League conventions, and the adoption of procedure for a study of the Permanent Court of Justice should have jurisdiction as a court of appeal in view of the arbitral tribunals established by States. The business also includes economic and social matters, and several questions in relation to mandates, including a proposal for a special sitting in the spring of the Mandates Committee to discuss the Palestine situation, and the appointment of a special commission suggested by the British Government to settle the claims of the Moslems and the Jews to the Walling Wall in Jerusalem.—British Wireless.

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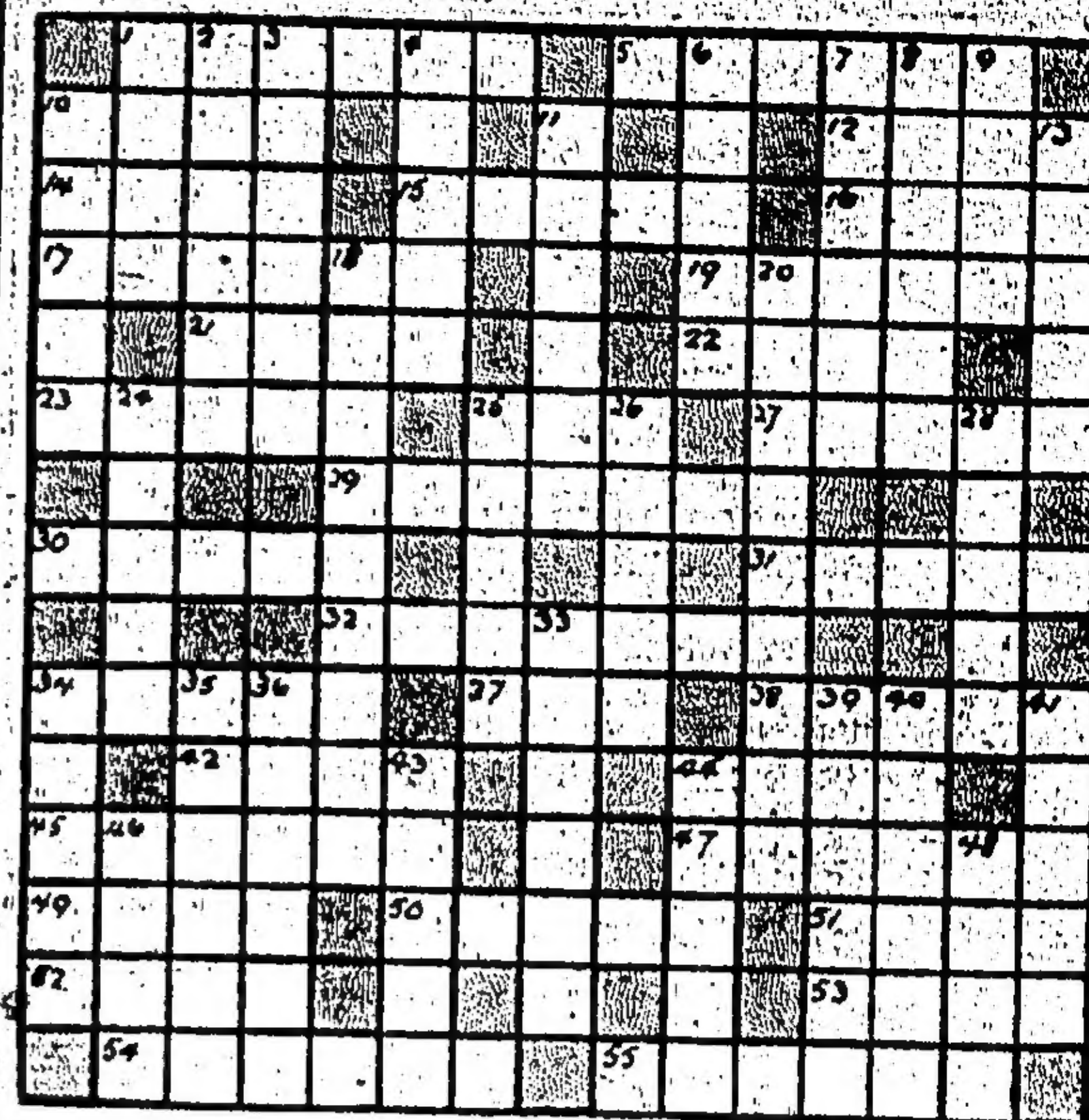
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 - 5 Turn back.
 - 10 Strobilus.
 - 12 List of candidates.
 - 14 Division of time.
 - 15 Personal servant.
 - 16 Mimicker.
 - 17 Not matured.
 - 19 Resist.
 - 21 Nobleman.
 - 22 Girl.
 - 23 Long handled dish.
 - 25 Opposite to weather.
 - 27 Appears.
 - 29 Biblic's bed.
 - 30 Portion.
 - 31 Elevate.
 - 32 Pattern.
 - 34 Split asunder.
 - 37 Parched.
 - 38 Give.
 - 42 Molecule.
 - 44 Look for.
 - 45 Dress.
 - 47 Approbation.
 - 49 Sully.
 - 50 The earth.
 - 51 White nun.
 - 52 Canter.
 - 53 Do as one is bid.
 - 54 Make certain.
 - 55 Flap.

Down

- 1 Rogue.
- 2 Acquainted.
- 3 High.
- 4 Flat.
- 6 Praise.

- 7 Glide away.
- 8 Sleep.
- 9 Starting points in golf.
- 10 Pennant.
- 11 Exulted.
- 13 Perennial plants.
- 18 Teacher.
- 20 Traveller.
- 24 Farewell.
- 25 Scottish landowner.
- 26 Poem.
- 28 Large fruit.
- 33 Large vein.
- 34 Brag.
- 35 Portion.
- 36 Pieces of wood for raised walking.
- 39 Intellect.
- 40 Said of the arm.
- 41 Muscular.
- 43 That which measures.
- 44 Use frugally.
- 46 Split.
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By Blosser

SMUGGLED WINES DISCOVERED.**REGULAR TRAFFIC FROM TIENSIN.****DUMPED IN HARBOUR.**

That the defendants, a cook and storekeeper of the s.s. Kwei Chow, were regular smugglers of dutiable wines which were purchased in Tientsin, was the statement made by Detective Sergeant Humphreys before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when they appeared on remand on charges of being in possession of dutiable Chinese wine.

The cook, whose case was taken first, was accused of having had 18 bottles in his possession, and was fined \$50 or four weeks' hard labour. The defendant, said he had wanted the wine for his own consumption, but his Worship remarked that he could not have wanted such a large quantity.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys mentioned that the defendants were members of the B. & S. steamer Kwei Chow, which had arrived from Tientsin, where they had purchased the wine for about 40 cents per bottle to be re-sold in the Colony for double that price.

Unfortunately, continued the officer, the police had failed to discover 640 bottles which had been hidden underneath the cargo. By the time the police left the vessel, the cargo had been removed; the consignment of wine was dumped overboard and retrieved during the night.

It was mentioned that the defendants had had the wine cleverly hidden in various parts of the ship.

The store keeper, who, it was alleged, had 192 bottles in his possession, was fined \$250, or four months' hard labour in default.

The prosecuting officer mentioned that, in the defendant's favour was the fact that he had admitted ownership of the wine when it was found, although he did not tell the police that there were another 640 bottles under the cargo.

EAST INDIES TRIAL FLIGHTS.**BRITISH ATTITUDE ON FACILITIES.**

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Secretary for India, stated that the Government of India had granted facilities for the Dutch East Indies air mail trial flights in 1929, but was unable to permit the use of the Indian air route permanently until the ground organisation was complete.

Mr. Arthur Henderson said he had received a request from the Netherlands Minister in London for facilities for trial flights in 1930, and that this involved consultation with the Government of India.—*Reuter.*

THAMES FLOODS SUBSIDING.**MARGIN OF SAFETY ON EMBANKMENT.**

London, Dec. 16.

The floods in the Thames Valley continued to recede rapidly today. A fall of over one foot in the river during the last 24 hours has been recorded at Molesey Lock, and the rate of flow also shows a big reduction.

High tide passed this afternoon, leaving a big margin of safety on the Thames Embankment, where flooding occurred last year.—*British Wireless.*

FIERCE STORMS ENDED.**FRENCH LIGHTHOUSE RELIEF.**

Paris, Dec. 16.

The black flag denoting distress, flying at the lighthouse of Lavielle for a week of the fiercest storms, frustrating the most courageous efforts of rescuers to approach, has at length been hauled down. A relief vessel, rudderless and battered, has succeeded in passing food in waterproof sacks from a distance of twenty yards.—*Reuter.*

Mr. W. Schofield, who resumed the office of Kowloon Magistracy on his return from leave recently, has been transferred to another Department and his place has been taken by M. T. S. Whyte Smith, who adjudicated during Mr. Schofield's absence.

SIGNED A BLANK PAPER.**UNUSUAL MONEY LENDING CASE IN COURT.****SALT IN PAYMENT.**

An alleged agreement in which a Chinese signed a piece of paper bearing a stamp, but no writing, in return for which he received \$50 from an Indian moneylender and for which he was to pay back 43 piculs of salt in full settlement of principal and interest, was mentioned during the course of an action before the Pulane Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiff was Bhag Singh, of the Rope factory, Mautaukok, who, through his attorney, Amrik Singh, sued Cham Chuen and Ah Sum, husband and wife, claiming \$108, being his \$100 money lent under a promissory note dated April 13, 1929, and \$8, being four months' interest. Both parties conducted their own cases.

Amrik Singh stated that Bhag Singh sailed for India on December 2, but Cham Chuen declared that Bhag Singh was still in the Colony and appeared before the Court on Friday last.

His Lordship was unable to find any record of Bhag Singh's appearance and under Cham Chuen explained that he had mistaken an Indian guard on the s.s. Tung On for Bhag Singh.

Defendant said that he signed a paper which was blank, except for a stamp, and it was agreed that he should give to Bhag Singh 43 piculs of salt in full settlement.

His Lordship pointed out that Bhag Singh was not present and the Court could not hear his version. His Lordship found that defendant was not liable on the note at all and if plaintiff wished to proceed again when he returned he could not sue to recover more than \$50. Judgment would be given for defendant.

HEROIN PILLS.**JUNK MISTRESS HEAVILY FINED.**

A fine of \$500, with the alternative of three months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the mistress of a trading junk appeared on remand on a charge of being in possession of 200,000 heroin pills.

Mr. H. A. Taylor appeared in Court this morning following his Worship's request yesterday for further information as to the danger of the pills. The Monopoly Analyst informed his Worship that anything which contained heroin constituted dangerous drug, and he added that the pills in Court not only contained heroin but also strychnine, which in itself, was very dangerous.

Mr. Taylor intimated that the pills were valued at \$40 per tin, wholesale price, the entire quantity being worth \$80.

THE SOVIET WAY.**DEATH SENTENCES FOR TRADE UNIONISTS.**

Riga, Dec. 16.

The trial has concluded at Ekaterinova, in Russia, of twenty-eight Trade Union officials and peasants who were charged with opposing the Soviet's present agricultural policy.

Six were sentenced to death and twelve to imprisonment, whilst M. Tizlov, the Chairman of the Agricultural and Timber Workers' Union, was condemned to five years' solitary confinement and loss of civil rights.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.**KEMAL AND KARAKHAN HAVE LONG TALK.**

Constantinople, Dec. 16. Following a two-hours audience of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, M. Karakhan, the Soviet envoy from the Foreign Commissariat, it was learned that the Turko-Russian Pact of friendship is being renewed on the same lines as before. Great importance is attached to the conversations to-day. The Pact is to be signed to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

COLDER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the northern depression is now central over the Sea of Japan. The depression over S.W. China has filled up. An anticyclone has formed over N. China. The monsoon will set in again along the S.E. coast of China. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—Light E. or N.E. winds, freshening; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist, colder.

DESTITUTE LAMA'S LONG WALK.**2,000 MILE TREK DOWN TO HONGKONG.****GETS SUCCOUR HERE.**

There recently arrived here an individual dressed in the robes of a lama, none too clean, but nevertheless in a good state of preservation. In his peregrinations through the town he was followed by a small boy, to all appearances a tiny edition of himself. The pair attracted much notice, and, when last seen, before being taken into custody by the police, were holding forth to a crowd on the properties of some medicine which they were endeavouring to sell at what would have been ridiculous prices if the medicine was what it was claimed to be.

While retained in police custody it was noticed that the lama looked closely into himself a sort of religious staff, very richly carved and with the figure of a pensive Buddha surmounting the top. He displayed much apprehension over his safety, seemingly reluctant to part with it, until reassured by the police that it would be returned to him at the proper time.

Meanwhile the police enquired into his case, and ascertained that he was a pilgrim who had come down all the way from Szechuan to worship at a shrine at Canton. He claimed for his staff the magic effect of warding off all evils in the form of man, beast and monster, but it is rather thought that his ragged appearance had been his best means of protection against the most potential of enemies—the bandit—in the 2,000 miles of his journey from the interior.

Now utterly destitute, he has been endeavouring to raise, by the sale of his medicine, the wherewithal to return to Shanghai. The authorities have found him a deserving case, and while committing him to the care of the Tung Wah Hospital, have made him a small initial grant for his passage in the Northern port.

THE R100'S FIRST FLIGHT.**AIRSHIP REMAINS ALOFT FOR SIX HOURS.****GIVES SATISFACTION.**

London, Dec. 16.

The airship R100 made a successful maiden flight to-day.

After leaving the hangar at Howden, Yorkshire, she remained in the air for six hours and was tested with satisfactory results at varying heights and speeds, generally cruising at about 70 miles an hour before descending at Cardington, where she was locked to the mooring tower previously used by the R101.

The new airship left her shed at Howden at 6 a.m. in fine weather.

Five hundred soldiers hauled the airship out, and a large crowd of spectators cheered the start. The shed permits of so little clearance for the vast ship, which is 709 feet long, with 133 feet beam and 133 feet high, that three or four minutes' time was necessary

RECENT RAILWAY INCIDENT.**CASE TO BE HEARD ALL OVER AGAIN.****R. O. TALLON CHARGED.**

On the resumption, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, of the summonses in which Revenue Officer Tallon is charged with assault on employees of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, it was intimated that the proceedings, part of which had been taken by Mr. Schofield, would have to be commenced again.

Arising out of the original summons, Revenue Officer Tallon cross-examined an engine driver and two firemen of the Railway for being in possession of illicit opium.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall is appearing for the Railway workers, while Mr. L. R. Andrews is watching on behalf of the Crown.

His Worship:—I suppose we shall have to begin all over again?

Mr. Rendall:—Yes; I don't know who arranges all these matters, but it's a waste of time for my witness.

His Worship:—I haven't read through the depositions and possibly I had better not treat it as an absolutely new case. I don't know if it requires an opening again.

Mr. Andrews:—No. Are you going to continue the case or what?

His Worship:—I am going to begin it again.

Mr. Andrews recalled a case at Home where a judge died before the hearing was concluded and the new judge continued with the case.

His Worship:—You haven't got that authority?

Mr. Andrews:—No; unfortunately I have not looked it up. I can get it, though. Still, it will waste the morning if I do. You see, this is not my case and it does not concern me.

Mr. Rendall mentioned that the case had already been before the Court for some time and thought that they should take no risks of further delay. He suggested that they should take the case all over again.

The case was accordingly recommenced, Mr. Rendall calling Mr. James Smith, of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, to give evidence of finding a broken steam-hydraulic on the engine on which the alleged incident took place. The witness repeated his previous evidence.

The hearing will be continued this afternoon.

In bringing the airship out, and the soldiers received full instructions regarding their duties before Commander Scott and Squadron-Leader Booth, with a crew of 44, went aboard the vessel. There was no hitch in the arrangements. Within eight minutes of the first orders being given through a megaphone, the vessel had cleared the structure.

She glided out "tail" first. Gradually the R100 began to rise, and moved off in westerly direction. Before she was out of sight she wheeled round, and at a height of about 1,000 feet again flew over her mast and performed various evolutions.

The R100 is equipped with six Rolls Royce engines with a total of 4,200 horsepower. Her sister ship, the R101, which is of same capacity—five million cubic feet—is driven by five Beardmore Diesel engines 2,925 horsepower. There are several other respects in which the two vessels differ but the chief difference is in the fuel used, the R100 consuming heavy oil and the R101 petrol.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

LADY MOTORIST PROSECUTES.**PUBLIC DRIVER GUILTY OF "CUTTING IN."****SIX-WEEKS SENTENCE.**

How the driver of a public car cut in between her and a lorry in Chater Road was described by Mrs. Mary Bertha Barker, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with driving a car in a dangerous manner.

Inspector Alexander said that on December 6, Mrs. Barker was driving her car along Chater Road and when near Murray Road slowed up behind a motor lorry, when defendant cut in between the two vehicles.

Mrs. Barker, in corroboration, said she was proceeding in her car along Chater Road between 3.30 and 4 p.m. on December 6, and was driving in the direction of the Dockyard. She was going to turn right into Queen's Road when she saw the lorry coming from the Praya, and she immediately dropped into second gear, sounded her horn and put out her right hand as a signal. She crept round the corner behind the lorry and then began to accelerate to get into top gear again, but was prevented from doing so by the defendant, who cut in from behind her, between her car and the lorry.

Defendant denied this and said that Mrs. Barker was stationary on the left hand side of Murray Road. She stooped down over her car, appearing to be changing gear.

Inspector Alexander said that the man was before his Worship in October last on a charge of negligent driving.

In convicting the defendant, Mr. E. W. Hamilton remarked:—"You public motor drivers are getting worse and worse in your driving." He intimated a fine of \$50 or two months' imprisonment, but subsequently amended the alternative sentence to one of six weeks.

RAILWAY BRIDGE DAMAGE.**TRAINS FROM KOWLOON TO SHEK LUNG.**

Canton, Dec. 16.

It is reported here that General Lam Tsun-hang has successfully suppressed bandits in the East River District. This is gratifying in view of the fact that the blowing up of the Shik Ha railway bridge on the Canton-Kowloon Railway on Friday was put down to bandits. However, others state that the bridge was blown up by the troops of General Han King-tong.

The Canton Gazette, in referring to the suppression of the bandits, does not comment on the blowing up of the bridge, but merely states that the railway service between Canton and Kowloon has been suspended owing to damage on the rail near Shek Ha Station.

In the meantime, the Railway Administration has arranged to run one train daily in each direction, from Canton to Siu Tsui and from Shek Lung to Kowloon, but this leaves a break of 11.35 miles between Siu Tsui and Shek Lung.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

SESSIONS CALENDAR.**THERE ROBBERY CASES ON THE LIST.**

There are three robbery cases down for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions which open at the Supreme Court to-morrow, all of which will be taken, by the Pulane Judge (Mr. Justice Wood).

Ho Kai-shing will be charged that, with others unknown, on May 30, he robbed Cheung Mo-sheung of a gold chain with two locks, a medallion with one gold coin attached, eleven bangles, one clasp, one pearl ornament, twenty ear-rings, nine rings, eight gold coins and \$200 in money.

An allegation that with others unknown he committed a robbery on November 8, at Jardine's Bazaar, is made against Ip To, alias To Tak. According to the prosecution, he is alleged to have robbed Ng Yung of \$30 in money, and Lam Kam of a gold chain, a gold bracelet, a gold finger ring, a wrist watch, a gold watch, a whistle, two pairs of gold ear-rings and \$40 in money. A charge of aiding and abetting is made against Lo Jeuk.

There are five accused concerned in the third case. Of these, Tong Ming, Tong Leung, Mak Kwan and Tong Sam, are charged that, with others unknown, on October 6, at Canton Road, Kowloon, they robbed Chan Sz of two bangles. Li King is charged with aiding and abetting.

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GARRISON NEWS.

LATEST POSTINGS NOTIFIED.

Captain K. A. T. McLennan, K.O. S.B., at present a student at the Staff College, has been posted to the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment and will join them in India at Poona during this troop year.

Lieut. H. H. Johnson, R.A., has been posted to Hongkong from Singapore, and will join the H.K. S. Brigade, R.A.

Lieut. J. E. Spedding, R.A., from the South Irish Coast Defence, has been posted for duty with the H.K.S. Bde., R.A.

Captain D. H. G. McCrick, Somerset Light Infantry, who has vacated the appointment of Staff Captain, Sind Infantry Brigade, has been posted to the 1st Battalion at Home, and is attached pending a vacancy in the Battalion.

Lieut. R. W. Stephens, S.L.I., who has vacated the appointment as R.T.O. Rhine Army, has been posted to the 1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, and will leave for Hongkong in January of next year.

Football.

The following have been selected for the annual charity match for the Navy versus the Army at Sookunpoo on Thursday afternoon—Jarvis, McGregor, Jones, Pugsley, Tilley, Sturdivant, Van Tromp, Firth, Cann, Dickinson.

The General Officer Commanding the Troops in China (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) has kindly consented to kick-off. Massed bands of H.M.S. Kent, Cornwall and Hermes, by the kind permission of the Captains of the ships, will play.

Yesterday's Matches.

At Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, Headquarters Wing, K.O.S.B., ran out comfortable winners by four goals to nil. Teams: H.Q. Wing, K.O.S.B.—Boyes, Crow, Bond, Riordan, Gardiner, Skiggs; Saunders, Rhodes, Crawley, Milligan, Hyde.

20 (H) Bty., R.A.—Naylor, Rabone, Ashmore, Gorn, Dunning, Taylor; Stanton, Rogers, Trevett, Leary, Fleming.

In this match in the Hongkong Area Football League, the winners had all the best of the play, and deservingly their win. The first goal came from Hyde. Pressure on both wings made good ground for the Borderers, and Rhodes got past the defence to score. After the interval, Rhodes scored again for the Borderers, and Sawyer obtained the last goal.

H.Q. Wing, S.L.I. v R.A.M.C. The Medicals were not at full strength yesterday afternoon at Sookunpoo when they lost to Headquarters Wing, S.L.I., by three goals to nil. Teams: S.L.I.—Wallace, Green, Niel, Hooker, Heywood, Bristol; Guest, Hall, Early, Baggett, Hancock. R.A.M.C.—McGowan, McLeary, Joyce, McGuire, Dodson, Thomas; Elliott, Gough, Jenkins, Devlin, Evans.

Early, true to his name, was the first to score after five minutes with a shot that McGowan might have held. The Borderers scored an easy goal through Hancock, who shot into an empty goal when McGowan had come out to clear. No further score occurred in the first half. After the interval, the Medicals commenced pressure, and forced two corners in quick succession, without result. Hancock scored his sides' last goal with a rather deceiving shot that got to the right-hand corner of the net. Although the Medicals put up a stout defence, they were always unfortunate in their attacks, and Wallace had a comfortable afternoon, being only tried once, a shot from Jenkins making him give a corner.

31 (H) Bty., R.A. v "B" Coy., K.O.S.B.

At Chatham Road, the Gunners trounced the Borderers by seven goals to one, though many rushes by the latter looked like scoring more than their lone goal. A strong team from the Gunners was the deciding factor. Teams: 31st (H) Bty., R.A.—Maltby, Oliver, Seal, Hall, Fletcher, Joyce; Cotton, Leach, Gill, Davey, A. N. Other.

"B" Coy., K.O.S.B.—Westland; Downey, Anderson; Aitken, McLaughlan, Mills; Keown, Cook, McFarlane, Dignan, A. N. Other.

Downey handled the ball in the penalty area, and Leach took the spot kick but failed to score. The kick was re-taken, through a K.O.S.B. player rushing into the penalty-area, and Leach made no mistake the second time, and later scored a second good goal. A good goal for the Gunners, with the Borderers standing still appealing for off-side, closed the first half.

Downey pluckily robbed Leach of the ball in the first minute of the second half, after the last-named had made a good dribble through, and a raid by the Borderers gave Maltby an opportunity to show his capabilities at a shot by Dignan. McFarlane hit the upright when the Gunners recommenced their pressure, but a goal from Rodger settled the issue for the Borderers, whilst Gill scored again for the Gunners soon afterwards. McFarlane scored the Borderers' only goal after a brilliant solo effort, beating both backs before shooting. The

CARNERA UNPOPULAR.

PRIMITIVE FURY HAS A BAD EFFECT.

London, Dec. 16. The floodlights of favourable publicity which were recently turned on Carnera released a tidal wave of popularity which is now fast subsiding.

Hailed by short-sighted critics as the boxing sensation of the century, Carnera's fight against Stripling on October 17 and December 21 stripped him of every boxing attribute. Now an influential chorus of opinion is that his primitive displays of fury should rule him out from English rings.

Lord Lansdale declares the British Boxing Board should not put Carnera in the ring against the German heavyweight Diener at the Albert Hall tomorrow, as he does not conform with our idea of how a fighting man should behave. Simultaneously, a Sunday newspaper featured an article appealing to the Home Secretary to debar Carnera. It is noteworthy that Carnera was booked for a charity performance last night at the London Hippodrome. His name was in the programme, but he received a last-minute telephone message cancelling his turn, as the Hippodrome was unable to get the Lord Chamberlain's permission.

His manager has procured a shrill whistle to obviate a repetition of the incidents of December 7, hitting after the bell sounds, to-morrow.—Reuter.

LOCAL YACHTING.

THE FOURTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The fourth Ladies' Championship race of the R.H.K.Y.C. was sailed yesterday, the course being: Channel Rocks (S), Mark on Line (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rocks (S); distance 7.4 miles. The results follow:

"H" Class Started 3 p.m.

Yacht.	Finish.	Correct.	Position.
La Linda	4:56.54	4:56.17	3
Diana	4:57.03	4:54.36	2
Colleen	5:02.19	4:57.23	4
Dorotha	4:58.59	4:53.26	1

"I" "Y" & "G" Started 3.05 p.m.

Daphne	5:09.48	Scratch	5
Why Wonder	5:16.31		6
Wings	5:04.43		4
Blue nose	5:06.28		3
Boojum	5:08.23		1
Speedwell	5:02.09		2
Adanne	5:13.52		7

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL'S TEAM RECORD.

The Central British School football team have played ten matches this term, winning four, losing four and drawing two. The results of the matches played to date are as follows:

Team	Goals	For.	Agst.
Band Boys, S.L.I. (D)	2	2	2
No. 2 Platoon, S.L.I. (W)	5	2	2
D.B.S. (W)	1	0	0
No. 2 Platoon, S.L.I. (L)	2	3	3
D.B.S. (L)	0	6	6
No. 2 Platoon, S.L.I. (W)	3	1	1
St. Joseph's College, Form 3 (D)	2	2	2
Band Boys, S.L.I. (W)	5	3	3
St. Joseph's College, Form 3 (L)	2	7	7
Marines, H. M. S. Commaught (L)	3	4	4

NEW CARDINALS.

SIX MORE CREATED BY THE POPE.

Rome, Dec. 16. The Pope in a secret Consistory has created six new Cardinals, namely the Archbishops of Paris, Palermo, Genoa, Armagh and Lisbon and Mgr. Pacelli, the Papal Nuncio at Berlin.—Reuter.

Gunners' last goal was scored by Joyce, who got past the backs to give Westland no chance.

Navy Matches. In the China Fleet Football League yesterday afternoon, H.M.S. Cornflower beat H.M.S. Thraxian by the only goal scored. Teams: Cornflower—Sullivan; Little, Moore; Pawson, Childs, Boam; Sipple, Adams, Baker, Williams, Bennett. Thraxian—Stratford; Hayes, Sloan; Clarke, Baker, Wallington; Brady, Birrell, Ward, Skeats, Morris.

No score was made in the first half, though both sides had tried to get past the defence, Williams scoring towards the end of the second half with a fast shot.

Another China Fleet Football League match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon resulted in Petersfield beating Somme by three goals to nil. Lowe, and Mayne (2) scored goals for the winners in a fast, but not very interesting match.

TALENTED ARTISTES.

TO APPEAR AT REPULSE BAY & OTHER HOTELS.

An unusually attractive and interesting diversion for guests and patrons of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be provided in the persons of Mr. Laszlo Schwartz and Miss Dawn Assheton who arrived in Hongkong to-day.

Mr. Schwartz is a Hungarian violinist-composer and Miss Assheton a coloratura soprano and an actress, the latter a rare and charming combination. They are scheduled to appear at Repulse Bay Hotel on December 21, the Peninsula Hotel on December 26, and the Hongkong Hotel on December 27. Their act will last for an hour, and will be interspersed with dancing. During the act the two will render classical and jazz songs, including a number of Mr. Schwartz's personal compositions which have been successful in many parts of the world.

Interviewed by a Telegraph representative at the Hongkong Hotel to-day, Mr. Schwartz proved to be a most interesting gentleman, cultured, and widely travelled. He has gained a considerable reputation as a journeyman as well as a musician and his articles have been printed at great length in leading American and Australian newspapers.

Miss Assheton was for a number of years on the Australian stage, where she was extremely successful. She is a charming Englishwoman with a fine voice and an attractive stage personality.

ARSON ATTEMPT.

STAIRS OF HOUSE SET ON FIRE.

An attempt by some unknown person to set fire to a house in Park Street, Yaumatei, early this morning, was frustrated by the inmates, who dealt with the outbreak in a very prompt manner.

Fung Lung, a married woman, in reporting the incident to the police, stated that about 1 o'clock this morning she discovered that the stairs in her residence was alight, the fire apparently having been caused by somebody who ignited some oil and papers. Practically no damage was caused.

SHARE PRICES

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1315 1320 ss. Chartered Bank, 419 b. Mercantile A. & B., \$307 n. East Asia \$95 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$695 ss. Union Ins., \$357 b. North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b. Yangtze Ins., \$50 n. China Underwriters, \$2 n. China Fire, \$310 b. H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 n.

Shipping.

Douglason, \$25 ss. H. K. Steamboats, \$277 b. H. K. Tugs, \$2. n. Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n. Union Waterboats \$22 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$4.70 b. Kallans, 69/- n. Langkots, Tls. 13.60 n. S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n. Raubs, \$1.20 n. Tronohs, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$145 n. Whampoa Docks, \$321 b. China Providents \$5.35 ss. Hongkows, Tls 190 n. New Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n. Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.60 ss. Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b. S'hai Cottons, Tls. 77 (old) b. Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$11.70 ss. H. K. Lands, \$641 ss. S'hai Lands Tls. 161 n. Humphreys, \$14.50 ss. Realities, \$7.90 b.

Chinese Estates \$98 f.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$181/19 ss. Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n. Star Ferries, \$391 n. China Lights, (old) \$16.40 ss. H. K. Electric, \$641 b. Macao Electric, \$23 b. Telephones \$7.80 b.

China Buses, Tls. 151 b.

Singapore Tractions, 10/-

Industrials.

China Sugars, 90 n. Malabons, \$27 n. Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 11 n. Canton Iron, \$2.50 n. Coments (Comb.) \$12.70 b. Ropes (Old) \$71 ss. United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$291 n. Watsons, \$12 ss. Der A. Wings, 80 n. Lane Crawford, \$1.75 n. Mackintoshes, \$13 b. Sinceros, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$281 ss. Constructions, \$130 b. B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61% H. K. G. Loan 41% ss. Prem.

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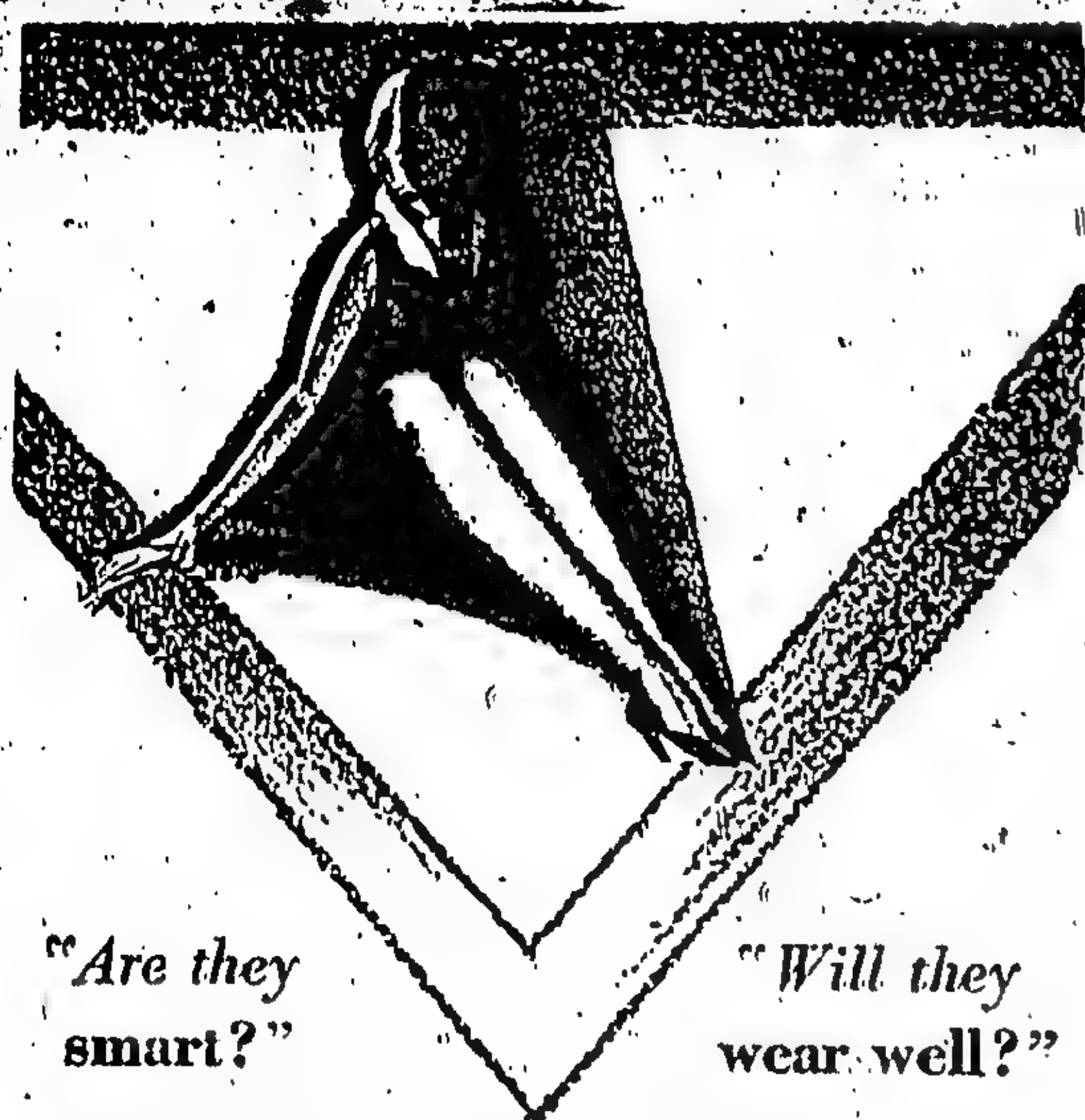
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WAH YAN COLLEGE.

CELEBRATION OF TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

To mark the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Institution, the Director and Staff of the Wah Yan College entertained a large number of friends to dinner last night within the spacious Hall of the College at Robinson Road. The gathering sat down to an excellent Chinese meal, the function being enlivened by an orchestra.

Mr. P. Tsui, the founder of Wah Yan College ten years ago, in the course of a short address in which he expressed thanks to those present for taking part in the celebration, gave a short history of the College. He said:

The Wah Yan College had its cradle at No. 50, Hollywood Road, consisting of one flat, one teacher and four boys. At the end of one year the number of pupils went up to 100, occupying four flats. In 1921, a proper school building at Robinson Road was rented and the number on the roll was 400. In 1924 a branch was opened at Kowloon. Gradually there was an increase in both pupils and teachers, and now there are 800 boys, including 100 boarders, on this side and 300 on the mainland, and a staff of 45. To accommodate this number we have to occupy the St. Joseph's Mansion and the Wah Yan College Building at Robinson Road, and the Wah Yan College Kowloon Branch Building at Nelson Street, Kowloon. So much for the physical growth of the college.

Growth of the College.

The intellectual growth of the college may be shown by the results of the Local University Examinations. Up to 1928 the passes were: 66 Matriculations, including five Honours, 86 Seniors and 163 Juniors. Wah Yan boys have also been awarded the King Edward VII. scholarship, the Government Educational scholarship, and Government Student-ships.

Who are responsible for the rapid growth of the college? It is certainly not I. Wah Yan owes its development to: (1) the charitable Catholic missionaries who are always prepared to help those who are in need (they have been helping Wah Yan since it was two months old); (2) the generous local Government whose educational representatives are always keeping a watchful eye on all schools and ever ready to help those that deserve assistance; (3) the staunch loyalty and support of a truly hard-working staff whose valuable services I have been fortunate enough to secure.

I must not forget to mention that many of our teachers were educated in the Christian Brothers' schools. I myself learned school management mostly from Rev. Bro. Almar, Director of St. Joseph's College, who, I am sorry to say, is unable to join us this evening. I am also glad to say that with the help of the Italian and the Jesuit Fathers the college has been the means of bringing to the knowledge of many of its pupils the wonderful ideals of Christianity.

And now, Gentlemen, I must conclude. I fervently hope that fifteen years hence, when Wah Yan celebrates its silver jubilee, I shall be alive to welcome you again in a more spacious hall and amid happier surroundings.

Bishop Valtorta's Remarks.

The Right Rev. Bishop Valtorta said that it seemed to him but yesterday that Mr. Tsui came to his predecessor and Father Maria asking their support for a scheme regarding a school which he was proposing to start. That support was very readily given, but they never thought that the School was going to grow so much. Mr. Tsui, he was glad to say, had been extremely successful, and that was due to his great ability, to his great work, and to his great luck. He had been very lucky in finding very great help from the Government, and also in carrying the goodwill of their friend, Mr. Ralphs. He had also been very lucky in being able to extend the school premises on all sides, surrounding much that was difficult in a difficult site. With the College bursting through its limits, he had also been able to find a safety valve in the Wah Yan College Branch at Kowloon. (Laughter.)

Small Beginnings.

Mr. E. Ralphs, in a happy speech, recalled the small beginnings from which the College grew when ten years ago it started as a tiny school with four pupils in a flat at Hollywood Road. As the College gradually expanded in the number of its pupils, Mr. Tsui, the founder, was confronted with a financial problem which made him spend many sleepless nights. (Laughter.) It was no secret now to recall that critical moment when Mr. Tsui, while being faced

COURT SENSATION.

DEPUTY'S INSTRUCTIONS OVER-RULED BY JUDGE.

A final hearing was set for last week in the criminal action instituted in the Shanghai Provisional Court by Anderson, Meyer & Co., Ltd. against Chen Tze-hsun, of the Heng Loon Bank, for alleged fraud in connection with a mortgage covering all of the assets of the Heng Dah Cotton Mill in Pootung, including the mill power plant and machinery, which, under the terms of the contract of sale, was still the property of Anderson, Meyer & Co., Ltd.

Judge C. S. Franklin, of Fleming, Franklin & Allman, appeared on behalf of Anderson, Meyer & Co., and with him was associated Mr. Wang Yu-ling, ex-Minister of Justice.

When the Court opened the attorneys for the defendant produced a telegram which they had received from the defendant from Ningpo stating that he was sick and unable to be present and asking for an adjournment. Mr. Stevens, the American Consular Deputy, asked why the defendant had left the jurisdiction of the Court without the Court's permission while a criminal action in which he was involved was in process of trial.

The lawyer for the defence stated that the defendant's intention to visit Ningpo had been told to the Court and that the record of the hearing on November 19 would show such statement.

Mr. Stevens then called for the record and the statement referred to could not be found.

The Deputy's Order.

Mr. Stevens then announced the action of the defendant, in leaving without permission constituted contempt of court and was just another attempt to thwart the proper administration of justice. He instructed the police to effect the arrest of the defendant immediately upon his return to the jurisdiction of the Court and to keep him in detention until he had appeared before an American Consular Deputy.

The Chinese Judge announced that he did not agree with Mr. Stevens' ruling and instructed the police to disregard the same.

Mr. Stevens then stated that he desired to enter a protest against the change of two of the three Chinese Judges sitting in the case at the last moment, pointing out that the presiding Judge and one associate Judge then on the bench had not been present at any of the previous hearings of the case and were totally unfamiliar with what had transpired at such previous hearings.

Mr. Franklin then requested Mr. Stevens to report the afternoon's proceedings to the Commission now sitting in Nanking, in connection with proposed changes in the Provisional Court and Mr. Stevens replied that not only the afternoon's proceedings but the entire case from beginning to end would be reported to such Commission as the case had been an open scandal for years.

with such a problem, had an offer made to him to take the School from his hands with his being continued as its Headmaster at a salary, which should have put an end to his financial troubles. It was to his lasting credit that Mr. Tsui came out with the decision to keep his colours nailed to the mast and to go down fighting if he did not succeed. He succeeded, to what extent they could gauge from the fact that the College, under his fostering care, had now grown into one of the largest institutions of its kind in Hongkong, with 800 boys on the roll of the main College in Hongkong, 300 in Kowloon, and a staff of 45 teachers. He (the speaker) was sure that the gathering would agree with him that Mr. Tsui had earned their warmest congratulations. They judged the efficiency of a College by its University examination results, and the account they had received of the success of the pupils in these examinations testified to the efficiency of the Wah Yan College. He (the speaker) would also add that the Wah Yan had earned very satisfactory reports for high efficiency from the Education Department.

Concluding, Mr. Ralphs extended the warmest congratulations to Mr. Tsui and the Headmaster, Mr. Lim, and paid a warm tribute to their ability.

Mr. Lim, the Headmaster, also spoke, as did an old pupil of the College.

A musical programme was rendered by Mr. Li Chor-chi, vocalist, and Mr. Longyear, who accompanied Mr. Li on the piano. This, as well as the orchestra selections, were much enjoyed by those present, who included the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and practically all the leading educationists of the Colony.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
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THERAPION No. 3

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ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police-Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Training Course.—The following members of the Chinese Company have been passed out as efficient in Part 1 of Training Course:—Constable R.79 Lo Tak Hoi, R.82 Cheng Ping Kwan, R.96 Edwin Howqua, R.97 Lam Ping and R.100 Chen Jown Che.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at Central Police Station on Thursday, December 19th at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under P/Sergeant R. J. Hunt, Dress—Muff.

New Territories Agricultural Show 1930.—The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accepts the voluntary service of the following Police Reservists for duty at the Agricultural Show at Sheung Shui on Saturday, January 4th and 5th:—The O. C., one Sub-Inspector, and 24 members of the Chinese Company on both days. Hours of duty and other details will be notified later.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 17th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsin-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

The weekly instruction patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Friday, December 20th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—Crown Sergeant R.402 C. A. Grimes has been permitted to resign having completed one year's service, and on account of ill health, with effect from December 9th, 1929.

(Sd.) W. KENT, Adjutant.

BANDITS' CAPTIVE.

SEEN PREACHING WHEN UNDER RESTRAINT.

Up to November 21, all efforts to discover the whereabouts of Mr. Pike, who was captured by bandits on September 17, in the Honan region, had failed. Word was received in October by Mrs. Pike, through two Chinese servants who had accompanied Mr. Pike up to the time of his capture, that bandits had robbed him of his clothing and money and were treating him very badly, holding him for a ransom which he refused to promise. The Chinese were forbidden to go with Mr. Pike under penalty of death, and were driven away by threats with pointed pistols and by blows, although they desired to remain with their master.

On November 21, word was received that a Mohammedan woman had reported having seen Mr. Pike about the middle of October. He was standing in the middle of the market place in Chingshan with the bandits. His hands were bound with cords behind his back, but he was preaching to the crowd.

The officer in charge of the district reported that foreign clothing, and a saddle and horse had been seen about 40 li from Chingshan. It is thought that they may belong to Mr. Pike. Word has also been received that a detachment of soldiers were sent out with eleven prisoners and later two men were brought in. These men were said to be those who took Mr. Pike, but their leader had managed to escape.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS.

FORMERLY AT CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

J. Vickers, who passed the Matriculation Examination, with honours, of the University of Hongkong in November 1927, and who was admitted to Liverpool University last year, has passed the Intermediate Examination, (Engineering) of the latter University. He is secretary of the University Swimming Club and was a member of the University team in the inter-universities team race, at Cardiff, Liverpool securing second place. He was chosen to play in a water-polo match, Northern V. Southern Universities and is in the 2nd XV Rugby team.

Joyce Raven, who went to The Godolphin School, Salisbury, has passed the School Certificate Examination, University of Cambridge Local Examinations, in the following subjects:—English, History, Geography, French, Oral and Written, Arithmetic, Botany and Music.

PIANO RECITAL.

YOUNG ENTERTAINERS DO EXCELLENTLY.

Youthful talent was well expressed in the pianoforte recital given yesterday afternoon, in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, by Mrs. J. R. Sulter's pupils, and these very promising young pianists gave an excellent entertainment which was enjoyed to the full by the large gathering present.

The programme might almost be described as ambitious, for it included works by Bach, Schubert, Offenbach, Rachmaninoff, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Mozart, but Mrs. Sulter's clever pupils acquitted themselves admirably and gave really delightful treatment to some of these composers' popular scores.

It would be rather invidious to single out any particular student, for one and all, from the youngest, who played the beautiful old traditional tunes such as "Home Sweet Home," "Simple Duet" and "Comin' Thro' the Rye," to the more advanced, who interpreted Offenbach's "Barcarolle," Elgar's "Salut d'Amour" and Liszt's "No. 13. Rhapsodie," revealed real talent, and were a great credit, not only to Mrs. Sulter, but to themselves.

Added enjoyment was lent to the entertainment by the appearance of Mrs. Gardiner, who sang "My Prayer" (Squire) and "Spring is Here" (Dick) extremely sweetly.

At the close of the programme, Mrs. E. Cock kindly presented the Trinity College of Music certificates to successful candidates.

Advice to Students.

In expressing thanks to her for doing so, and to Mrs. Sulter for arranging such an excellent musical treat, Mr. George Grimble said he had been asked "What was music?" and to that he replied that it was an art, but as an art, was unconquerable. He would like to give a few hints to the children that day. He advised them to work out a time-table and to use a note-book in which to chronicle their impressions of the music they were playing. They must practise hard, and try and dissect their music. If they experienced any particular difficulty they should practise one hand, and above all they must treat the piano as their friend. They must caress the notes and use their brains, fingers and the keyboard at the same time.

Referring to the successes of Mrs. Sulter's pupils at the local Trinity College examinations, Mr. Grimble pointed out that in the practical part, eleven were entered and nine passed; while in the theoretical part eight were entered and seven passed, two of them with honours. Isabel Pestonji topping the local list with 93 marks, and Bernard Bickford being third with 87 marks. In the preparatory division, two of the pupils topped the local list, with 86 marks each, those being Clement Leong and Eric Wood. Special mention was due to Mrs. Inouye, who was the only candidate to pass the senior theory examination, after four months tuition.

The pupils who performed a long and varied programme were as under:

Fuki Inouye, Sumito Ishizaka, Tommy Baker, Andre Pestonji, Desmond Hooper, Peggy Macfadyen, Charlie Bander, John Green, Stella Bander, Sanae Ohta, Yasuki Mori, Jean Hooper, Mavis Glendinning, Shizuko Suzuki, Clement Leong, Edith Wood, Phyllis Teale, Kathleen Chester, Eric Wood, Agnes Leong, Marian Gardiner, Bernard Bickford, Beatrice Pestonji, Isabel Pestonji, Alice Wood, Joyce Paterson, Molly George, Joan Paterson, Doris Booker, and Margaret Eccleshall.

POLICE DANCE.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

The Police carnival dance at Lane, Crawford's restaurant last night was a great success in every way, and was much enjoyed. Prizes were awarded as follows:—Spot waltz, Miss Henderson and Mr. Fallace.

Fancy dress, gentlemen.—Mr. R. R. Davis (Patches) 1; Mr. R. R. Wood (Ferocious Turk) 2.

Fancy dress, ladies.—Miss Moss (Hawailian girl) 1; Miss Pointing (Cat burglar) 2.

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The Avenging Parrot

by Anne Austin

CHAPTER XX.

"Any news, chief?" Dundee asked. Strawn when the two detectives were again in Mrs. Hogarth's room.

"Nothing new," Strawn admitted wearily. Then, to Boyle, the uniformed policeman who had kept watch in the room and who looked sadly in need of sleep, "Anything happen after we left, Boyle?"

"Quiet as the grave," Boyle answered cautiously. "The parrot squawked once or twice, but I shut his trap by covering up his cage with one of the old dame's skirts."

As Strawn dismissed the policeman, Dundee stepped to the cage and removed the smothering skirt. "Poor Cup'n!" he sympathized. "Nearly dead, old top? I'll fill your water dish."

And he did, reaching fearlessly into the cage while Strawn looked on in amazement, for the drooping, dispirited bird made no attempt to nip his fingers. Dundee filled the little dish from the top of the basin behind the green burlap screen, returned it to the cage, and, with the door still open, stroked the bird's feathers with a gentle hand. Suddenly he uttered a startled exclamation.

"What is it?" Strawn asked sharply, striding to the cage.

"Look!" And Dundee drew out something between thumb and forefinger and offered it for his chief's inspection. "What would you say this is, Strawn?"

Lieutenant Strawn took the thing, rolled it on his palm. "Looks like a bit of skin, doesn't it? Now how did that get into the parrot's cage?"

"Cora Barker buried her hand last night, chief," Dundee reminded him softly. "Rather an odd time—a quarter past 12—for a tired, hot working woman to decide to press a dress she would not wear till Sunday, wasn't it?"

"You think she buried her hand to cover up the evidence that she'd been bitten by the parrot?" Strawn demanded, in amazement. "Well, if that's so, I guess we've got her dead to rights as Sevier's accomplice! I'll have a look at that hand—"

"Just a minute, chief," Dundee begged. "I found two or three rather important items in Mrs. Hogarth's diary, and this morning in talking with Mrs. Rhodes before the others came down, I learned a few other things that seem pretty important to me."

In spite of the chief's impatience, Dundee quietly read the noteworthy excerpts from the diary, then told in detail his conversation with Mrs. Rhodes.

"Don't you agree with me, lieutenant," he concluded eagerly, "that there may be another motive for the crime that we haven't discovered yet? It seems absolutely clear to me that the old lady had no hidden miser's hoard in this room—"

"Makes no difference, if Sevier and Cora Barker thought she did," Strawn interrupted almost angrily. "Bad penny!" Dundee reminded him stubbornly.

"Bosh!" Strawn dismissed the idea contemptuously. "I'm afraid it isn't bosh," Dundee insisted quietly. "For five years, by her own written admission, Mrs. Hogarth lived in 'dread'—not fear, mind you, but dread—that D. S.'s husband would turn up."

"It seems pretty clear to me that S. and Mrs. Hogarth fled from their home town. I don't know whether they deserted D. or whether he had already deserted them, but the two women, Mrs. Hogarth here, and S. in some other city, dreaded his 'turning up.'"

"Suppose he did 'turn up' in Hamilton with the express purpose of seeing Mrs. Hogarth. She dreaded his 'turning up,' but she has recorded no fear of consequences to herself if he did appear. What if D. came through that window last night, and Mrs. Hogarth saw him? She would not cry out to alarm the house, if she recognized him, but she might very well greet him with the old proverb, sarcastically: 'So the bad penny has turned up at last! I can imagine, chief, that those words 'bad penny' were repeated two or even three times between Mrs. Hogarth and D.'"

"You can imagine a lot of tommy-rot," Strawn interrupted irritably. "This isn't a detective story, Dundee. It's an every-day police case in the ordinary little old town of Hamilton, in these prosaic old United States. . . . No, boy, you're having a swell time, and I hate to ruin your day, but Mrs. Hogarth was murdered for the money she either had or was supposed to have hidden in this room, and when we find Sevier—Why, look, boy! your own story is full of holes! If this mysterious D., whoever he is, actually did come here to see the old lady, he would have known that she had no money and that S. was supporting her. And if Mrs. Hogarth 'dreaded' him but did not fear him, why did he kill her and ransack this room?"

"I'm not a clairvoyant," Dundee grinned, "but isn't there a chance

that Mrs. Hogarth had something else that he wanted, and which she refused to give him? Remember, chief, Mrs. Hogarth was a mighty mysterious character herself. She was in hiding from something in her past. In all the five years she lived here she never referred to her previous place of residence, or to any person in her past. And she wrote to and received letters from only one person—S.—guarding the address so expertly that not even Mrs. Rhodes knows it. Even if you aren't interested, I'll watch for that postman tomorrow more eagerly than any girl ever waylaid him for a letter from her sweetie, and—"

"What's that?" Strawn interrupted him. He hurried to the door, flung it open.

Norma Paige was at the head of the stairs, calling frantically: "Dusty! Oh, Dusty! Quick! Mrs. Rhodes! Dusty!"

"What's wrong, Miss Paige?" Strawn called from Mrs. Hogarth's door.

"Oh!" She was startled, then smiled uncertainly. "It's just Cora's wash basin, Sir. It's stopped up and the water's running out on the floor. I was helping her wash her hair, on account of her burned hand, you know, and—Oh, Dusty! Please hurry and get your tools to unstop Cora's basin!"

"Maybe I can help," Strawn suggested, and by a jerk of the head invited Bonnie Dundee to accompany him.

They found Cora Barker in her room, rubbing her long wet hair with a bath towel. At the unwelcome intrusion of the lieutenant of detectives, and of the young man she knew only as the new boarder, the woman's hazel face flushed an angry scarlet.

"Give me an extra bath towel. I'll try keep any more water from spilling," Strawn directed, ignoring her anger.

Dundee and Strawn were mopping at the pool of water on the floor when Dusty Rhodes, much the worse for his last night's debauch,

came slouching into the room, followed by his anxious wife.

"If you females wouldn't break the rules and wash your hair in the basin, things like this wouldn't happen," Dusty complained disgustedly as he knelt to ply his wrench.

A minute later, as Dusty pulled out the upper section of the drain pipe, its little cross bars matted with long black hair, Dundee risked exposure of his connexion with the police by staying the hand of the landlady's husband.

"Let me see that before you clean it," he ordered quickly.

And over Dusty's protest he took the short section of drain pipe, and walked to the window with it. Strawn followed, bending curiously over his subordinate as Dundee's fingers began to untangle the mass of hair.

"Look!" he urged in a whisper, though the others had not drawn near. "Pellets of paper caught in among the hairs. Paper stained with green ink!"

"Well?" Strawn, puzzled.

"A page was torn from Mrs. Hogarth's diary last night—the entry of May 13," Dundee answered in so low a voice that it could not carry to the group around the basin.

"Here it is—or what is left of it! And last night the parrot nipped a piece of flesh from Cora Barker's hand!"

Strawn grunted incredulously, but quickly removed all the tiny pellets of water-soaked paper from the tangled mass of hair.

"Go and take your place behind the screen in Mrs. Hogarth's room," Strawn directed, his lips scarcely moving. Then, turning toward the group about the basin, he said in a normal voice: "That'll be all now, Dundee. Don't leave the house. I may want to question you again."

"Say, can I go on with this here job?" Dusty whined. "I got other work to do."

"Here you are, Rhodes," Strawn conceded cheerfully, as Dundee hurried out of the room, striving to give a perfect imitation of a man incensed by the unjust suspicions of the police.

Two or three minutes later, Dundee from behind the screen saw Strawn enter the room, followed by a terrified woman, her head wrapped in the damp bath towel, her bandaged hand instinctively hidden in the folds of her kimono.

"I don't know what you want of me!" Cora protested angrily. "If

OPTIONAL CLAUSE.

SENATOR BORAH OBJECTS TO BRITISH VIEW.

Washington, Dec. 16.

Commenting on the White Paper issued in London on Friday defending Britain's signature of the Optional Clause, Senator Borah emphatically dissents with the British view that under the Kellogg Pact there could not arise any issue of the rights of neutrals.

He asks why, if the Kellogg Pact eliminated all questions of the rights of neutrals at sea, are vast navies still kept.

The British view is that "as between members of the League there can be no neutral rights because there can be no neutrals," the argument being that if we are at war with a State which has broken its pledges, other members of the League are bound by the Covenant to act against the aggressor. Therefore, there is no challenge to our seapower by trading with the enemy and therefore we do not remain neutral.

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It's a crime to wash your hair on Sunday.

"For the moment, I'm not interested in the blue laws, Strawn said with terrible humour. 'I'm merely interested in the law relating to robbery and murder.'"

"Oh!" Cora gasped, and swayed as if she were about to faint.

"Here! Take this chair, Miss Barker. And don't faint. I'll simply have to use valuable time to revive you, and you'll be questioned anyway. Now—suppose you tell me the truth about last night, not the nice, little fairy story you fed me at 2 o'clock this morning."

No, wait a minute! I know you didn't get home until about 10 minutes after 12. I checked your alibi—that far! Now suppose you begin at the moment you turned into the Rhodes House grounds. I want to know everything—including just why and when you entered Mrs. Hogarth's room, and what you did there!"

Cora covered in her chair. The bandaged hand fluttered to her heart. "You—you know—I was in here?" she gasped.

(To be Continued.)

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations as at the close of the market yesterday have been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co., of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, (cable address: "Swanstock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations.

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Liggett and Myers "B"	98
Missouri Pacific (Common)	92
Nevada Consolidated	32
Copper	31
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	46
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	66
Standard Oil Co. of New York	35
Southern Pacific	124
Texas Corporation	57
United States Steel	174
Senra, Roeluck & Co.	104

A RECONCILIATION.

POLA NEGRI DECIDES TO FOREGO DIVORCE.

Paris, Dec. 16.

After being on the brink of a divorce, the film star Pola Negri and Prince Mdivani have decided to "live happily ever after."

According to the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune the two parties, when they appeared in the Judge's Chambers on December 13 for a classic attempt at reconciliation, which under the French law must precede a *decrees nisi*, admitted in response to the Judge's enquiries that they still loved each other, Pola Negri adding "only he wants me to lead a social life which interferes with my career."

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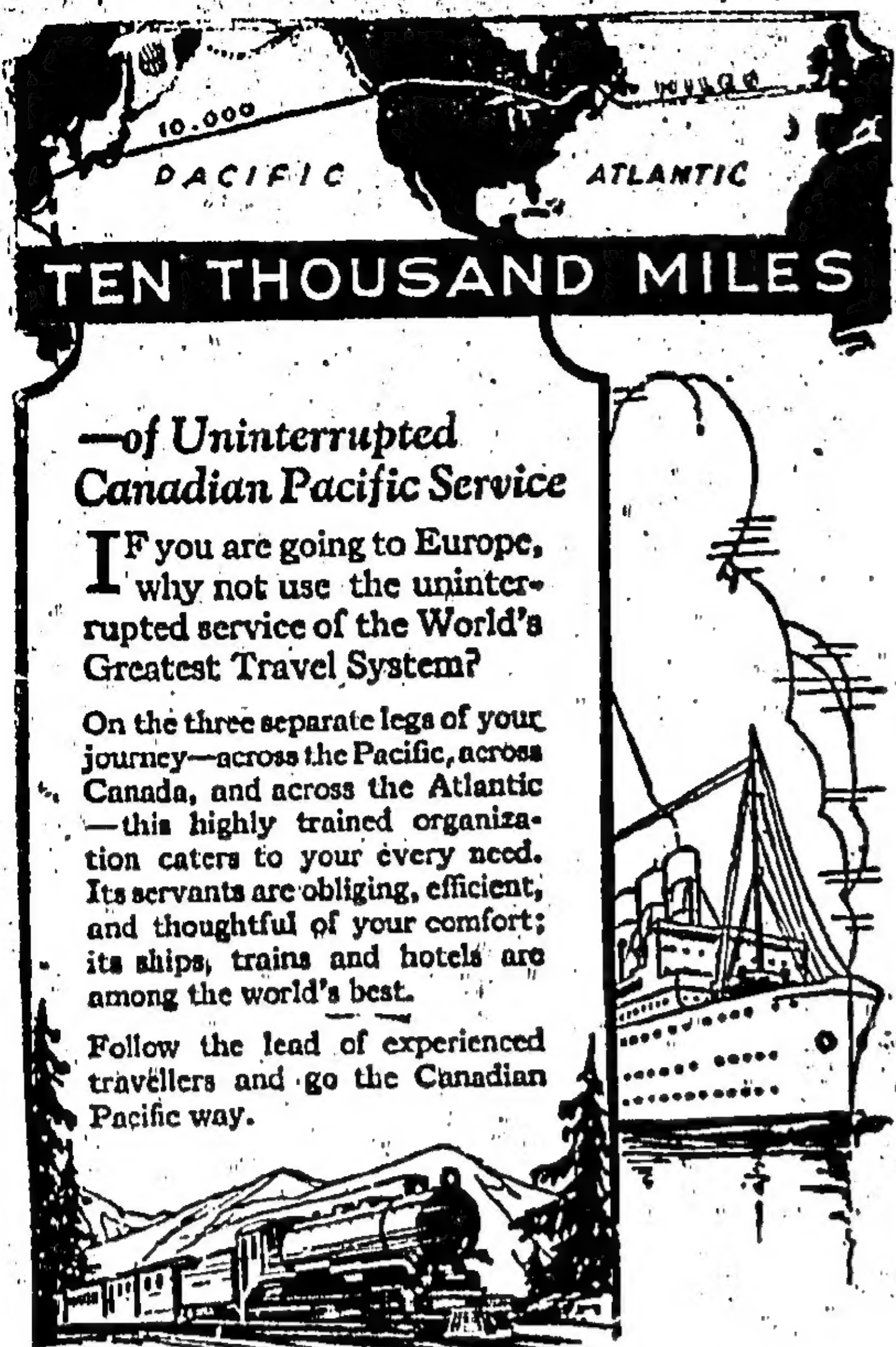
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TRAFFIC CASES.

SANITARY INSPECTOR CAUTIONED.

A charge of failing to have full control over his motor car was brought against Sanitary Inspector Frost, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Sub-Inspector Nicol appearing as the complainant.

In reply to his Worship as to whether he admitted or denied the charge, the defendant said that for two seconds he did not have full control over the vehicle.

Sub-Inspector Nicol said that the defendant had taken off his hat with his left hand and smoothed his hair with his right. The car swerved slightly but there was no other traffic on the road at the time.

His Worship: I saw a very well-known citizen going down Garden Road the other day and he took both his hands off the wheel and adjusted the glass screen in front?

Sub-Inspector Nicol: It amounts to the same thing, your Worship.

His Worship: I suppose it depends, to a certain extent, on the kind of car you are driving. On one car the steering is more...

Sub-Inspector Nicol: There's more play on some cars than on others and a heavy car is liable to hold the road better than a light car.

His Worship: What sort of a car was Mr. Frost's?

Defendant: G. W. K.

His Worship (to defendant): Was there any particular reason for taking both hands off?

Defendant: I think there was a slight mistake in Sub-Inspector Nicol's evidence. I put on my hat and pressed it down because it was windy. The car would not have shot off the road in that short space of time. The steering wheel is very stiff.

His Worship: There isn't much play?

Defendant: There's no play.

His Worship: Well, Mr. Frost, I think in future, unless it is absolutely necessary, you had better

keep both hands, or at least one hand, on the wheel. Cautioned.

Incident in Nathan Road.
An incident which occurred in Nathan Road shortly after eleven o'clock on the night of November 23, was recalled before Mr. Whyte Smith, when Mr. A. Gascon through the Police summoned the driver of one of the Blue Taxicabs for reckless driving, while the latter in turn summoned Mr. Gascon for assault.

The summons against the taxi driver, having been issued first, Mr. Gascon was called to give evidence. He said that he had left the Star Theatre and was proceeding along Nathan Road when, on nearing the junction of Kimberley Road, witness noticed the lights of a car approaching from the opposite direction.

Witness said that the car was travelling straight towards him, half of the roadway, it was explained, being under repair. Witness had to slow down considerably and when the approaching car was almost on top of him it swerved to the left. After it had passed witness turned his cycle round and stopped the driver.

Witness denied that he had assaulted the driver and mentioned that two Indian constables who later arrived on the scene examined the driver's face but found no marks.

The driver, in the witness box, alleged that when Mr. Gascon asked him for his licence, he said he was a Police Inspector. Witness saw that he was not in uniform and challenged the statement, whereupon he was struck in the face.

Mr. Gascon's Act Questioned.
When asked if he had any questions to ask the witness, regarding the statement that he was a police officer, Mr. Gascon replied that he told witness that he was a member of the Flying Squad.

His Worship: Does that give you the right to see people's licences?

Mr. Gascon: Well, I don't know about that.

His Worship: I should not think so.

His Worship asked Sub-Inspector Nicol if a member of the Flying

MISSIONARIES HELD.

CARRIED OFF BY "REDS" IN RAID ON TAYEH.

A body of Communists made a raid on Tayeh, 50 miles south-east of Hankow, on Friday, drove out the Government troops and occupied the town for three hours. The "Reds" were very well disciplined and there was no indiscriminate looting.

The Rev. H. W. & Sandy, of the Wesleyan Mission, was captured, being carried off without his hat or coat, together with a magistrate. It is believed that the latter was afterwards released, but the Rev. Sandy is still held by the Communists, who are demanding a large ransom.

Another Missionary Seized.
Later.
A message from Hankow says the Reds also abducted Rev. E. H. Liversley, of the same mission, as Mr. Sandy, from Tayeh.—Reuter.

Squad had a right to ask for licences and was informed that they did if they were in uniform. It was pointed out that even regular police officers had no authority to ask for licences unless in uniform.

It was explained to his Worship by Mr. D. Orlivie, First Clerk, that the driver had applied for a summons for assault two days after the incident but was advised to wait until he received notice of being summoned before taking action.

There being no witnesses on either side his Worship dismissed both summonses. He said that the evidence had been uncorroborated.

Court Interpreter Fined.
Mr. S. Basilio, Filipino interpreter of the Kowloon Magistracy, appeared before his Worship on a charge of disobeying the signals of an Indian constable at the Star Ferry pier. The defendant, who was stated to have refused to move away from near the taxi stand, was fined \$5. His Worship pointed out that if everybody were to do the same the traffic at the ferry would be frightfully confused.

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BREWER CASE CONTINUED.

(Continued from Page 2.)

promise to pay on demand, that was the effect of it?—Yes.

I think you will admit that the Company was better off that the right of call on shares was converted to a call of payment on demand from any shareholders?—Assuming that the shareholder was a substantial person, yes.

Cash Transactions.

We are bound to assume that until his *bona fide* has been disproved. Supposing that the shareholder has paid cash across the counter and has obtained his share scrip. I think the share scrip will have a place where it is shown so much has been paid in advance of calls. Supposing he had paid money across the counter and supposing he had received a scrip that so much had been paid—so much in payment of calls. Supposing he had paid that money in notes and the notes were received back across the counter and the shareholder put those notes back in his pocket. The effect is that the shareholder has his scrip paid to the extent of the loan calls and the Company has an agreement to pay. Assuming that to be *bona fide*, we have a cash transaction there?—Yes.

It must be so, Mr. Ross?—Yes.

Supposing if the Company were to make a demand on the shareholder—to purport to make a call—he might say; he might be justified legally in saying: "Look here, I have paid, having accepted the loan agreement in place of calls." That will be the answer?—Yes.

If it is the law that that transaction would be cash, if money is passed backwards and forwards over the counter in that way, if that is the law, that formality of passing cash can be dispensed with and the transaction can be a cash transaction, even if no money passed at all?—In that case a dollar note can be made always to pass round.

I am supposing that this is *bona fide*. It is a cash transaction, if the formality was dispensed with of passing the money forwards and backwards across the counter?—No, I cannot quite agree that it was a cash transaction. To say that the Company received 7½ lakhs from shareholders and they paid it back to the shareholders in one day. No, I cannot agree that it was a cash transaction. It would not be a genuine cash transaction.

We have got to assume that it is genuine (until it is disproved), in which case it can be a cash transaction?—Yes.

All those payments were treated in the books as cash?—Yes.

Assuming the transaction to be genuine, and having treated the payments as cash payments in the books, how else can they be treated in the Statutory Report than as such?—If they were genuine transactions, then the Report was treated correctly.

I take that point a little further. We put it as high as this: If they were genuine cash transactions and they had been treated in the Report otherwise, Mr. Brewer might have found himself in the dock on a charge of perjury the other way round?—That may be the law.

That in the law. He might have put himself in very great civil liability if he does not put in the Statutory Report what has been treated as cash in the books?

The Balance Sheet.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Davidson asked witness: The

balance sheet is a document of considerable complexity—a document which requires an expert to prepare it?—Witness agreed that while it might require a person with special training to prepare it, it should not be unintelligible to every business man.

To anyone who knows about balance sheets, to you for instance? Mr. Ross, to the person of the smallest intelligence it is evident that "uncalled capital" depends on the financial position of the shareholder. I suggest that to put "uncalled capital" on the Assets side of the Balance Sheet is bad accounting, that is all?—It is very bad accounting.

We will compromise on "very bad accounting." You have been shown those applications for shares. A great point has been made on the fact that the agreement to make a deposit is left blank on those forms?—Yes.

Are you aware that it is provided in the Articles of the Company that the amount payable on the applications of shares shall not be less than 5 per cent.?—Witness agreed on being shown the Article in question.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Lincoln, December 15.—Mr. Alonzo R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bartow, Mr. Ernest Boschan, Mr. Herbert C. Crabbe, Mr. R. J. Elstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Eastman, Mr. Eugene Goetschel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Harper, Miss Isobel Hower, Mr. James W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mack, Miss Freda S. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Shaw, Miss Frances C. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith H. Wilkins, Mrs. Sue Ashbrook, Miss Mary W. Ashbrook, Mr. Emilio U. De Jesus, Mrs. Margaret L. Paschal, Miss Gertrude True, Mr. Wadhwan D. Jamnani, Mr. Ernest Berger, Mr. James L. Nicoll, Mr. Antonio Brimo, Lt. Cmdr. Douglas W. Coe, Mrs. Douglas W. Coe, Miss Josephine D. Coe, Miss Elizabeth D. Coe, Mr. Myron C. Ferry, Mr. Frank J. Monaghan, Mrs. A. L. Norris, Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Philip S. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. P. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel K. Jureidini, Miss Kathryn E. Jureidini, and Mr. William A. Smethurst.

Per s.s. Empress of Asia from Manila on Dec. 16.—Mr. B.M. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Bishop, Mrs. G.H. Bligh, Mr. M. Morales, Miss J.P. Clough, Mr. R. Duffon, Mrs. J.E. Ipekljan, Mr. R.C. Johnson, Mrs. J.E. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Hickey, Mr. J. Koland, and Mrs. T. Yamanura, Mr. Tsuruda, Mr. B. Daniels, Mr. F. L. Lawrence, Mr. P.H. Hartman, Col. S. Rober, Mr. H.S. Rober, Mrs. L.L. Rose, Inf. L. Rose, Mr. S. L. Carreon, Mrs. Cheng Chin Wah, Miss Lam Hing, Mr. A.C. Cooper, Miss Kwan She, Mrs. Lay Yip, Miss Line He, Mr. Lo Lee, Mr. H. Whited, Rev. A. Armendariz, Rev. J. Uebliaga, Miss N. Ganin, Mrs. G.F. Mosher, Mr. I. Sugawara, Mr. T. Sugawara, Mr. S. Sugawara, Miss I. Sugawara, Mr. J. Black, Capt. J.A. Houston.

Per s.s. Taiyō Maru, from Shanghai, December 16.—Mr. D. Karagay, Mrs. M. P. Karagay, Miss A. Karagay, Mr. F. Santos, Miss F. G. Hardy, Mr. L. D. Harris, Mrs. T. K. Harris, Miss M. E. Harris, Master D. J. Harris, Master G. A. Harris, Mr. Ung Sing, Mr. Ung Jun, Mr. Wong Kwok Soong, Mr. M. Anselon, Mrs. R. D. Anselon, Miss A. Anselon, Master G. Anselon, Miss M. Anselon, Mrs. L. Lloyd, Mr. J. R. Coe, Mr. G. R. Garrett, Mr. H. H. McAndrew, Mr. J. G. L. Pitt, Mr. E. S. Piskil, Mr. C. J. Rupp, Mr. J. T. Satsky, Mr. T. J. Rupp, Mrs. C. Karefinan, Mr. Chan Nom Siew, Mr. Tong Sue Lum, Mr. Joe Quay, Mr. M. Perilla, Mrs. M. Perilla, Mr. Pedro Perilla, Mr. Higinio Rimo, Mr. S. Landau, Mr. Lee Wah, Mrs. Lee Chan Shue, Mr.

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Port au Prince, Dec. 16. Petitions signed by the presidents of seven Haitian political organizations have been forwarded to Mr. Hoover by air mail, asking the United States to supervise the elections and ensure that they are conducted fairly.

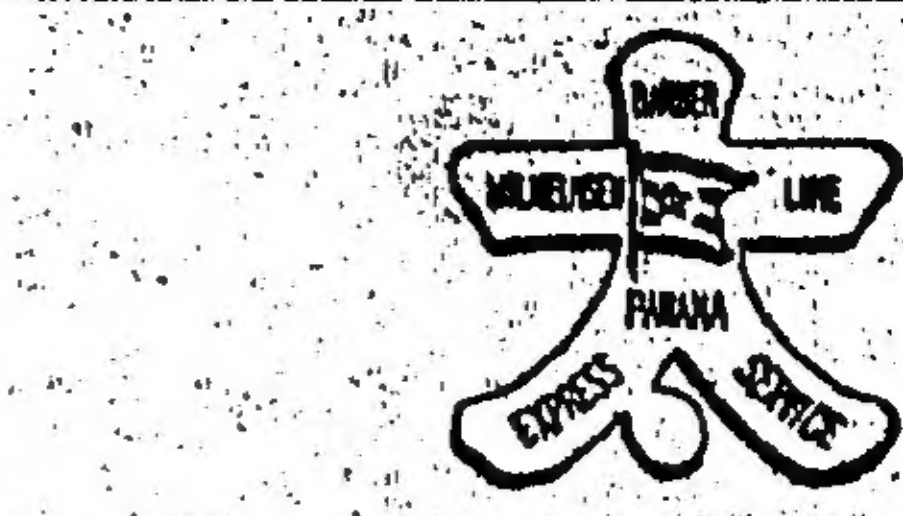
They allege that President Borno is attempting to enslave the citizens.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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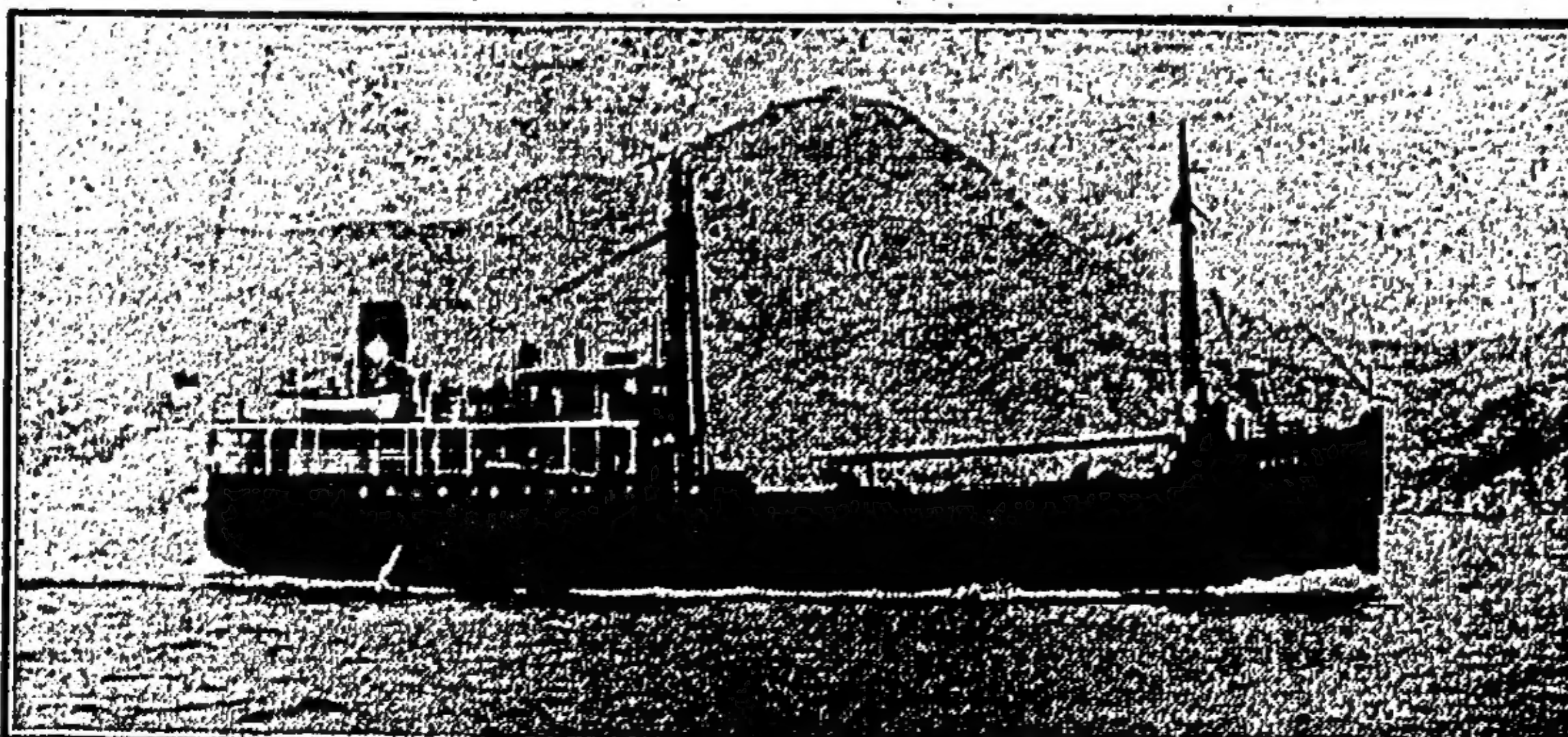
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A TREE-CUTTING PROBLEM.

ACCUSED MAN PRODUCES
A PERMIT.

CASE ADJOURNED.

In pointing out that it was difficult to decide in cases in which Chinese, who were accused of cutting trees from Government Plantations, produced permits from the Forestry Department, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, remanded a Chinese who was charged with being in possession on the Sai Kung Road of 61 cuttings of pine branches reasonably suspected of having been cut from the hills.

The defendant produced a permit issued to his village, but it was pointed out that the licence had expired in June, 1928. He then said that his village had paid the Government over \$30 for the right to cut trees in a certain forestry area this year.

His Worship remarked that it was a difficult question for him to decide. Permits, he pointed out, were not issued individually but to the village, and it was possible that the defendant was under the impression that the fee had been paid.

His Worship added that the prosecution should apply to the District Officer and enquire whether the defendant's village had paid the fee for the current year or not.

The case was accordingly adjourned till to-morrow.

HONGKONG FLYING CLUB.

INAUGURAL MEETING FIXED
FOR FRIDAY.

OFFICIAL SUPPORT.

Considerable interest is being shown in the meeting which is to be held in the Chamber of Commerce room at the City Hall, at 4 p.m. on Friday, for the purpose of forming the Hongkong Flying Club.

H.E. the Governor is to preside, and will speak on aviation in general and on the desirability of establishing a Flying Club in the Colony.

A resolution will subsequently be moved that such a Club be formed, and, if it is approved, that certain persons mentioned in the resolution be authorised to make all the necessary arrangements.

All interested in the project are cordially invited to be present at the meeting, and those who wish to become either Flying or Associate Members will be asked at the conclusion of the meeting to hand in their names and addresses.

It is interesting to recall that in the Colony's Budget for the coming year a sum of \$60,000 is earmarked as an initial grant to the Club, this being part of a sum of \$300,000 to be allotted within five years.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

PREMIER'S LUNCHEON TO
BUSINESS LEADERS.

London, Dec. 16.

The Premier gave a luncheon party to-day to leaders of industry and political economists.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is taking the opportunity of discussing the idea of forming a National Economic Committee on similar lines to the Committee of Imperial Defence, and it understood that conversation at these gatherings is crystallising towards the object desired, but no final decision has yet been reached.

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of Unemployment, accompanied the Premier.—*British Wireless.*

THE FRENCH DEBT TO AMERICA.

SECURES APPROVAL OF THE
U.S. SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 16.

The Senate, by 63 votes to 31, ratified the French War Debt settlement, which provides for payment of \$4,025,000,000 over a period of sixty years.

The Bill, which will now go to White House, is the last of the war debt settlements arranged by the Debt Commission to be approved.

France ratified the agreement last July.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PIRACY MENACE IN SOUTH CHINA.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT
ATTITUDE.

COMMONS DISCUSS CHINA
SITUATION.

NANKING'S RECOVERY.

London, Dec. 16.

The attempted piracy of the Douglas s.s. Haiching was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, was asked if he had made any representations to the Chinese Government regarding the increase of piracy along the China Coast.

The Foreign Secretary replied that representations had been repeatedly made in recent years and the British Minister had instructions to keep the matter before the Chinese Government with a view to their taking effective suppressive measures.

However, as far as his information showed, there had been no deterioration in the situation in recent years.

Safety of Commerce.

The problem of securing the safety of British commerce was one that was constantly kept in view. It would have been noticed, he said, that in the recent case of the attack upon the s.s. Haiching, two British warships had been instrumental in saving the vessel.

In answer to further questions, he stated that the British naval forces available for the protection of British nationals in case of

YANGTZE STEAMER'S EXPERIENCE.

Two Under Heavy Fire
Above Ichang.

Coincident with the report, appearing elsewhere, of shots being fired on H.M.S. Seawolf on the West River, comes news of a recurrence of firing on merchant ships on the Yangtze.

A report received by wireless this morning states that the s.s. Iping and the s.s. Hing, of the Yangtze Rapids Company, were under heavy fire 46 miles above Ichang on Saturday.

The report makes no mention of the damage suffered by the vessels.

danger were five cruisers, one aircraft carrier, eight destroyers, five sloops and eighteen gunboats.

The available military forces consisted of three battalions at Hongkong and two at Tientsin, with small detachments at Peking and Weihaiwei.

Comparative Strengths.

The other foreign Powers had an aggregate naval strength in Chinese waters which was approximately the same, and about eight thousand troops, mainly at Tientsin and Shanghai.

Mr. J. S. Wardlaw Milne (Con., Kidderminster) asked whether Japan was included among the other Powers mentioned.

Mr. Henderson asked for notice of that question.

Mr. Charles Williams (Con., Torquay) asked if Mr. Henderson meant that the whole of the British naval forces in China were at least as great as the whole of the remaining foreign forces put together, including Japan.

Mr. Henderson replied: "I think I was dealing with a comparison of the military forces."

Political Situation.

Asked regarding the general political situation in China arising from the new rebellion against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's regime, the Foreign Secretary said that the situation at Nanking and Shanghai appeared to be quiet, except for minor trouble along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

No serious fighting had taken place on the Pukow front, and troops were being sent back to Hankow, on which Tang Seng-chi had threatened to converge.

Hankow was not disturbed at the moment, and Tsinanfu, Peking, Tientsin, Chinkiang and Manchuria all seemed normal.

Mr. Peter MacDonald (Con., Isle of Wight) asked if the rising was due to Soviet propaganda.

Mr. Henderson said he had no information. According to a Press report a Sino-Soviet agreement had been reached locally on the immediate issues in Manchuria, but

ILLCIT DRUG RING BROKEN UP.

CLUE IN EGYPT LEADS TO
DISCOVERY.

HUGE ORGANISATION.

Calro, Dec. 16.

The discovery of a large quantity of heroin derivative in a consignment of building material from Bale, Switzerland, provided the Egyptian authorities with the clue which resulted in the unearthing of a widespread organisation for the smuggling of dangerous drugs to Egypt and the Far East from Europe.

The co-operation of the Egyptian, Swiss and Italian authorities has led to the breaking up of the gang.

Many arrests have been made, implicating various persons at Lugano, Milan, Genoa and Strassbourg, including a certain Doctor Muller, of Bale, whose books, seized during the recent raid, showed extensive dealings in drugs, including "ester" of morphine.

"Ester" of morphine is not, at present, classified in Swiss law as a narcotic, but as a result of the present episode it is hoped shortly to treat it as such.

The organisation was found to have its headquarters at Bale. The police raided the premises a few days ago as the result of information from Cairo, and three arrests were made. Drugs seized on the premises, a laboratory, were valued at £40,000.—*Reuter.*

NATIONAL SAFETY QUERY.

CONFERENCE MAY REVEAL
THE TRUE MARGIN.

PREMIER'S REMARK.

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. W. H. Ayres (Labourite) asked the Premier whether Britain had commitments to the League of Nations or the British Empire which prevented the House of Commons itself from coming to any conclusion it desired regarding disarmament.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied that Article 8 of the Covenant of the League of Nations enjoined on all member States, and consequently on the British Government, the reduction of their armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement of common action of international obligations.

Another article of the Covenant, said the Premier, imposed obligations to join in action for the common enforcement of certain undertakings. Britain's commitments as regarded the British Empire were dictated by needs of self-defence.

Mr. Ayres asked whether the Government believed there was still a margin so far as our own armaments were concerned that we could reduce down to what the Prime Minister had said was the level of national safety, and, if not why, should we go into the Disarmament Conference?

The Premier replied: "It is because may be that margin can be discovered only by international agreement that we are going into that Conference."—*British Wireless.*

AFRICAN HOLIDAY CLASH.

NATIVES WOUNDED BY
EUROPEANS.

Capetown, Dec. 16.

Three natives were wounded, one seriously, at Potchefstroom when Europeans were alleged to have fired revolvers at natives during a Communist meeting in connexion with Dingaan's Day.

Dingaan's Day celebrations were otherwise peaceful. Demonstrators in Capetown burned effigies of General Smuts and Mrs. Hertzog.—*Reuter.*

Dingaan's Day is an annual holiday, being the anniversary of the defeat of the powerful native chief, Dingaan, by the Boers in 1838.

he had no official information in confirmation.

Cantonese Victory.

In answer to further questions, Mr. Henderson said as far as his information went, the forces opposed to the Nanking Government in China had been decisively defeated near Canton. Chang Fat-kwei's Ironsides had been defeated to the north of Canton and the Kwangsi army on the West River had also been repulsed.

The anti-Nanking forces had made no further progress on any of the other main lines of attack.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*



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